

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 635

By: Murdock and Kirt of the
Senate

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4 and

5 McCall of the House
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8 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land
Office; amending 64 O.S. 2011, Section 1005, which
9 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land
Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the
10 advice and consent of the Senate; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.
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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
and insert:
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16 "An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land
Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which
17 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land
Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the
18 advice and consent of the Senate; providing for
removal of Secretary; providing an effective date;
19 and declaring an emergency.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the
2 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the
3 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to
4 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be
5 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
6 Commissioners of the Land Office. Any appointment of the Secretary
7 of the Commissioners of the Land Office after the effective date of
8 this act shall require the advice and consent of the Oklahoma State
9 Senate and the Secretary may be removed from office by a simple
10 majority vote of the members elected to and constituting the
11 Oklahoma House of Representatives. It shall be the duty of the
12 Secretary to execute, under the supervision of the Commissioners of
13 the Land Office, the provisions of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as
14 it relates to the management of school lands and other public lands,
15 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and all laws,
16 regulations, and duties pertaining to the Commissioners of the Land
17 Office and to carry into execution the will of the Commissioners of
18 the Land Office not in conflict with any law.

19 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

20 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or
21 university;

22 2. Have not less than five (5) years of experience in
23 government, law or finance; and
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1 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the
2 Commissioners of the Land Office.

3 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year
4 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor
5 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary
6 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the
7 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the
8 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes
9 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of
10 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
11 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as
12 provided for in this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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9 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land
10 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the
11 advice and consent of the Senate; providing an
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2011, Section 1005, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the
17 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the
18 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to
19 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be
20 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
21 Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of the
22 Senate. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to execute, under the
23 supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, the provisions
24 of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as it relates to the management of
school lands and other public lands, the Constitution of the State

1 of Oklahoma, and all laws, regulations, and duties pertaining to the
2 Commissioners of the Land Office and to carry into execution the
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13 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor
14 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary
15 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the
16 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the
17 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes
18 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of
19 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
20 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as
21 provided for in this section.

22 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

23 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
8 2021.

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