

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 635

By: Murdock and Kirt of the
Senate

and

McCall of the House

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An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land Office; amending 64 O.S. 2011, Section 1005, which relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; providing for removal of Secretary; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2011, Section 1005, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Commissioners of the Land Office. The

1 Secretary may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of
2 the members elected to and constituting the Oklahoma House of
3 Representatives. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to execute,
4 under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, the
5 provisions of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as it relates to the
6 management of school lands and other public lands, the Constitution
7 of the State of Oklahoma, and all laws, regulations, and duties
8 pertaining to the Commissioners of the Land Office and to carry into
9 execution the will of the Commissioners of the Land Office not in
10 conflict with any law.

11 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

12 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or
13 university;

14 2. Have not less than five (5) years of experience in
15 government, law or finance; and

16 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the
17 Commissioners of the Land Office.

18 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year
19 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor
20 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary
21 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the
22 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the
23 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes
24 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of

1 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
2 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as
3 provided for in this section.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

5 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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