

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2773

By: Pfeiffer of the House

and

Weaver and Bergstrom of the  
Senate

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.15, which relates  
to the Pardon and Parole Board; directing members to  
uphold certain standards; requiring disclosure of  
conflicts of interest; directing members to withdraw  
from participating in matters under certain  
circumstances; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Prisons and reformatories

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.15, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 332.15 A. From and after the effective date of this  
act, no member of the Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm  
or law partners or associate may represent in a legal capacity any  
inmate incarcerated in any state penal institution. If a member of  
the Pardon and Parole Board, or his law partners or associate or any  
member of his law firm undertakes the representation of an inmate in  
violation of this prohibition the member of the Board shall forfeit  
his office. In any case in which an inmate requesting a pardon or  
parole was represented in a legal capacity by any member of the  
Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm or law partners or  
associate prior to imposition of a prison term, the Board member who  
represented such inmate shall be disqualified from voting on such  
inmate's request for a pardon or parole.

B. A member of the Pardon and Parole Board shall uphold and promote the independence, impartiality, fairness, and integrity of the Board, and should avoid impropriety or the appearance of impropriety.

C. If any Pardon and Parole Board member determines circumstances would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of all the relevant facts to question his or her impartiality in a specific matter, or creates the appearance of impropriety, the Pardon and Parole Board member shall disclose any potential conflict of interest and shall withdraw from participation in the matter.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 21st day of April, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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