

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2773

By: Pfeiffer

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

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

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

19 Section 332.15 A. From and after the effective date of this
20 act, no member of the Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm
21 or law partners or associate may represent in a legal capacity any
22 inmate incarcerated in any state penal institution. If a member of
23 the Pardon and Parole Board, or his law partners or associate or any
24 member of his law firm undertakes the representation of an inmate in
violation of this prohibition the member of the Board shall forfeit

1 his office. In any case in which an inmate requesting a pardon or
2 parole was represented in a legal capacity by any member of the
3 Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm or law partners or
4 associate prior to imposition of a prison term, the Board member who
5 represented such inmate shall be disqualified from voting on such
6 inmate's request for a pardon or parole.

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

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

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL, dated
20 02/10/2021 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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