

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 635

By: Murdock and Kirt of the
Senate

and

McCall of the House

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

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

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

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

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

12 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

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

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

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

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

1 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of
2 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
3 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as
4 provided for in this section.

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

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

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/08/2021 - DO PASS,
12 As Amended.

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