

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 274

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Oklahoma Accountancy Board;
amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as last amended
by section 6, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.
2020, Section 15.2), which relates to board members;
modifying board members; making additional member a
public member; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as
last amended by Section 6, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.
2020, Section 15.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 15.2. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
July 1, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The Oklahoma
Accountancy Board shall have the responsibility for administering
and enforcing the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. The Oklahoma
Accountancy Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, who shall
have professional or practical experience in the use of accounting
services and financial matters, so as to be qualified to make

1 judgments about the qualifications and conduct of persons and firms
2 subject to regulation under the Oklahoma Accountancy Act to be
3 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The number
4 of registrant members shall not be more than ~~six~~ five, not including
5 a firm, who shall serve terms of five (5) years. No member who has
6 served two successive complete terms shall be eligible for
7 reappointment, but an appointment to fill an unexpired term shall
8 not be considered a complete term for this purpose. The public
9 ~~member~~ members shall serve coterminously with the Governor
10 appointing the public ~~member~~ members.

11 B. ~~One member shall be either a public accountant licensed and~~
12 ~~holding a permit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma~~
13 ~~Accountancy Act, or a person with professional or practical~~
14 ~~experience in the use of accounting services and financial matters~~
15 ~~and who shall have met the educational requirements to qualify as a~~
16 ~~candidate for examination for the license of public accountant as~~
17 ~~provided in subsection B of Section 15.8 of this title. A list of~~
18 ~~qualified persons shall be compiled and submitted to the Governor by~~
19 ~~the Oklahoma Society of Public Accountants, or successor~~
20 ~~organization from time to time as appointment of the Board member is~~
21 ~~required to be made. A list of three names shall be submitted for~~
22 ~~each single appointment from which the Governor may make the~~
23 ~~appointment.~~

1 ~~C.~~ Five members shall be certified public accountants holding
2 certificates and four shall hold permits issued pursuant to the
3 provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act, at least four of whom
4 shall have been engaged in the practice of public accounting as a
5 certified public accountant continuously for not less than five (5)
6 out of the last fifteen (15) years immediately preceding their
7 appointments. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and
8 submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Certified
9 Public Accountants from time to time as appointments of the
10 certified public accountant Board members are required. A list of
11 three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from
12 which the Governor may make the appointment.

13 ~~D.~~ C. ~~One member~~ Two members shall be a public ~~member~~ members
14 who ~~is~~ are not a certified public ~~accountant~~ accountants or licensed
15 public ~~accountant~~ accountants. The public ~~member~~ members shall be
16 appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with the Governor.
17 The public ~~member~~ members shall serve at the pleasure of the
18 Governor.

19 ~~E.~~ D. Upon the expiration of the term of office, a member shall
20 continue to serve until a qualified successor has been appointed.
21 Confirmation by the Senate is required during the next regular
22 session of the Oklahoma Senate for the member to continue to serve.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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