

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 487

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2, which relates to appointment powers of the Governor; authorizing Governor to appoint or replace certain persons; providing exception; authorizing President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint or replace certain persons; providing exception; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. ~~The~~ A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,
the Governor shall have power to remove any officers appointed by
~~him, in case of incompetency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in~~
~~office; and may then fill the same as provided in cases of vacancy~~
or her.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to
any appointments created by expiring terms or vacancies provided by
law, the Governor shall have the power to remove any gubernatorial

1 appointments on any agency, board or commission at any time, subject
2 to the provisions of this section. Nothing in this section shall
3 apply to appointments to any agency, board or commission if the
4 appointing authority is provided for in the Constitution. A vacancy
5 created pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be filled
6 as provided by law.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 464.2 of Title 74, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to any
11 appointments created by expiring terms or vacancies provided by law,
12 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives shall have the power to remove any of their
14 respective appointments on any agency, board or commission at any
15 time, subject to the provisions of this section. Nothing in this
16 section shall apply to appointments to any agency, board or
17 commission if the appointing authority is provided for in the
18 Constitution. A vacancy created pursuant to the provisions of this
19 section shall be filled as provided by law.

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