

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2809

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 582, which relates to  
the Board of Examiners in Optometry; extending sunset  
date; updating statutory language; 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. 2021, Section 582, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 582. There is hereby re-created, to continue until ~~July~~  
~~1, 2023~~ July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the  
Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners in Optometry. This  
Board shall consist of five (5) persons, four of whom shall possess  
sufficient knowledge of theoretical and practical optics to practice  
optometry, be duly licensed as optometrists, and who shall have been  
residents of this state actually engaged in the practice of

1 optometry for at least five (5) years. The term of each licensed  
2 optometrist member of the Board, one being appointed each year,  
3 shall be five (5) years, or until a qualified successor is  
4 appointed. The lay member of the Board shall serve a term  
5 coterminous with that of the Governor and shall serve at the  
6 pleasure of the Governor. The Governor is hereby authorized to  
7 appoint a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry at the  
8 expiration of any term or whenever, for any reason, a vacancy may  
9 occur on ~~said~~ the Board. Vacancies shall be filled for the  
10 unexpired term only.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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