

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 62

By: Daniels of the Senate

3 and

4 Kendrix of the House

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, which relates
8 to the State Board of Licensure for Professional
9 Engineers and Land Surveyors; extending sunset date;
10 providing an effective date; and declaring an
11 emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 475.3. A. The State Board of Licensure for
16 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby re-created, to
17 continue until July 1, ~~2023~~ 2026, in accordance with the provisions
18 of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the
19 provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board shall
20 consist of four professional engineers and two professional land
21 surveyors, at least one of whom is not a professional engineer, all
22 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
23 consent of the Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay
24 member. The professional engineers and professional land surveyors

1 shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have the qualifications
2 required by Section 475.4 of this title.

3 B. Each member of the Board shall file with the Secretary of
4 State a written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of
5 official duties.

6 C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for
7 such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the
8 lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the expiration of the
9 term of any member, except the lay member, the Governor shall in the
10 manner herein provided appoint for a term of six (6) years a
11 professional engineer or professional land surveyor having the
12 qualifications required in Section 475.4 of this title. The lay
13 member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term
14 coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve
15 at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may
16 continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until
17 such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed
18 to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the
19 expiration of the term for which appointed or until a successor has
20 been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on
21 the Board due to resignation, death or for any cause resulting in an
22 unexpired term, if not filled within three (3) months, the Board may
23 appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the
24 Governor acts.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives