

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1403

By: Culver of the House

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4 McCortney of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A
8 O.S. 2021, Section 201, which relates to the Oklahoma
9 Horse Racing Commission; modifying appointment of
members of the Commission; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 201, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 201. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Horse
16 Racing Commission, which shall consist of the following nine (9)
17 members:

18 1. One member who shall be from the First Congressional
19 District, one member who shall be from the Fourth Congressional
20 District, and one member who shall be experienced in the horse
21 industry appointed by the Governor;

22 2. One member who shall be from the Third Congressional
23 District appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
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1 3. One member who shall be experienced in the horse industry
2 appointed by the Attorney General;

3 4. One member who shall be from the Second Congressional
4 District and one member who shall be experienced in the horse
5 industry appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
6 Representatives; and

7 5. One member who shall be from the Fifth Congressional
8 District and one member who shall be experienced in the horse
9 industry appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma
10 State Senate.

11 The members shall only be appointed with the advice and consent
12 of the Senate.

13 ~~At least one member shall be appointed from each congressional~~
14 ~~district, and at least three of the remaining members shall be~~
15 ~~experienced in the horse industry and shall be appointed from the~~
16 ~~state at large. However, when~~ When congressional districts are
17 redrawn, each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which
18 such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term
19 of office, and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which
20 such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn
21 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
22 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts
23 which are not represented by a board member until such time as each

1 of the modified congressional districts is represented by a board
2 member.

3 B. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, a person
4 shall:

5 1. Be a citizen of the United States;

6 2. Have been a resident of this state for five (5) years
7 immediately preceding the appointment; and

8 3. Not have been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of
9 this state, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United
10 States as established by a national criminal history record check as
11 defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 C. The term of office of a member of the Commission shall be
13 for six (6) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

14 D. ~~The Governor~~ Each appointing authority may remove ~~any~~ the
15 member ~~of~~ he or she appointed to the Commission for incompetence,
16 neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office upon first giving the
17 member a copy of the charges and an opportunity to be heard. A
18 vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by
19 appointment made by the ~~Governor~~ appropriate appointing authority.

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

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 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.

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2023.

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