

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2807

By: Kendrix of the House

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4 Daniels of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 396, which relates to the Oklahoma Funeral
9 Board; and removing Board from Oklahoma Sunset Law.
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 396. There is hereby re-created, ~~to continue until July~~
15 ~~1, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset~~
16 ~~Law,~~ the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the statutes to
17 the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors shall be
18 a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The Board shall consist
19 of seven (7) persons, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The
20 term of membership of each member of the Board shall be five (5)
21 years from the expiration of the term of the member succeeded. Any
22 member having served as a member of the Board shall be eligible for
23 reappointment. Provided that, a member of the Board shall serve no
24 more than two consecutive terms and any unexpired term that a member

1 is appointed to shall not apply to this limit. The Governor shall
2 appoint the necessary members to the Board upon vacancies and
3 immediately prior to the expiration of the various terms. Upon
4 request of the Governor, appointments of a licensed embalmer and
5 funeral director member of the Board shall be made from a list of
6 five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma Funeral Directors
7 Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the
8 unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve until a successor
9 is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a member of the
10 Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person is of good
11 moral character and a resident of this state. Five of the members
12 shall have been actively engaged in the practice of embalming and
13 funeral directing in this state for not less than seven (7)
14 consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of the
15 person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral
16 Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain
17 a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on
18 the Board. Two ~~of the~~ members of the Board shall be chosen from the
19 general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed
20 and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be
21 licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,
22 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business
23 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two
24 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2023.

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