

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2809

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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.

SUBJECT: Professions and occupations

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

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 House of Representatives the 10th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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