

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE BILL 1403

By: Culver

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

19 1. One member who shall be from the First Congressional
20 District appointed by the Governor;

21 2. One member who shall be from the Second Congressional
22 District appointed by the Governor;

23 3. One member who shall be from the Fifth Congressional
24 District appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

1 4. One member who shall be from the Fourth Congressional
2 District appointed by the Attorney General;

3 5. One member who shall be from the Third Congressional
4 District appointed by the Labor Commissioner;

5 6. Two members who shall be experienced in the horse industry
6 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7 7. Two members who shall be experienced in the horse industry
8 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
9 ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

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

1 B. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, a person
2 shall:

3 1. Be a citizen of the United States;

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL, dated
21 02/09/2023 - DO PASS.
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