

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 7, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1230

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Kendrix of the House

An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A O.S. 2021, Section 604.1, which relates to the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission; extending sunset date; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 604.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 604.1. A. There is hereby re-created, until ~~July 1,~~ 2024 July 1, 2027, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission, which shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The member of the Commission initially appointed pursuant to this act shall serve a term of three (3) years that shall expire on June 30, 2006. Members appointed to the Commission shall serve for terms of three (3) years. Terms of office shall expire on June 30. All vacancies and unexpired terms shall be

1 filled in the same manner as the original appointment and within
2 sixty (60) days from the date of the vacancy. Members may be
3 removed by the Governor for incompetence, willful neglect of duty,
4 corruption in office, or malfeasance in office.

5 B. Members appointed to the Commission shall reside in this
6 state and shall have the following qualifications:

7 1. Two members shall have experience as a professional
8 combative sports practitioner, other than as a professional wrestler
9 or in professional combative sports promotions;

10 2. One member shall have experience as a professional wrestler
11 or in professional wrestling promotions;

12 3. One member shall have experience in sports medicine;

13 4. One member shall have experience in the cable television
14 business; and

15 5. Four members shall represent the public at large as lay
16 members.

17 C. No member of the Commission or any person related to a
18 member within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity shall
19 promote, sponsor, or have any financial interest in the promotion or
20 sponsorship of any professional combative sports event or amateur
21 mixed martial arts event while a member of the Commission.

22 D. The members of the Commission shall elect from their
23 membership a chair and vice-chair to serve for one-year terms. A
24 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of

1 conducting the business of the Commission. The Commission shall
2 meet at least quarterly, and special meetings may be called by the
3 chair.

4 E. The Commission shall comply with the provisions of the
5 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act, and the
6 Administrative Procedures Act.

7 F. All members of the Commission and such employees as
8 determined by the Commission shall be bonded as required by Sections
9 85.58Q through 85.58V of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 G. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation
11 but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of
12 their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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