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February 16, 2023

By: Daniels

An Act relating to the practice of psychology; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1354 and 1357, which relate to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; removing certain limitation on appointees; permitting the Governor to consider certain recommendations; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1354, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1354. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board shall administer the provisions of the Psychologists Licensing Act. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor. Five members shall be psychologists from various areas in psychology and two members shall be lay persons. At the expiration of the term of each Board member ~~who is a psychologist~~, the Governor shall appoint a successor ~~from a list of ten licensed psychologists which is provided by the Oklahoma State Psychological Association.~~ In selecting appointees, the Governor may consider recommendations from a statewide organization representing psychologists, a state chapter

1 of a national organization representing psychologists, or other
2 groups or individuals in this state. Members shall serve for a term
3 of four (4) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.
4 Before entering upon the duties of office, each member of the Board
5 shall take the constitutional oath of office and file it with the
6 Secretary of State.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1357, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1357. After giving the member a written statement of
10 the charges and an opportunity to be heard thereon, the Governor may
11 remove any member of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
12 for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty. Any vacancy in
13 the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the
14 unexpired term. ~~If there is a vacancy in the psychologist~~
15 ~~membership of the Board, the Governor shall fill it from a list of~~
16 ~~ten (10) psychologists which is provided by the Oklahoma State~~
17 ~~Psychological Association.~~ In selecting appointees, the Governor
18 may consider recommendations from a statewide organization
19 representing psychologists, a state chapter of a national
20 organization representing psychologists, or other groups or
21 individuals in this state.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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