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February 8, 2023

By: Daniels

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, which relates to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; 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 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 475.3. A. The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2023~~ 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board shall consist of four professional engineers and two professional land surveyors, at least one of whom is not a professional engineer, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay member. The professional engineers and professional land surveyors shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have the qualifications required by Section 475.4 of this title.

1 B. Each member of the Board shall file with the Secretary of
2 State a written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of
3 official duties.

4 C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for
5 such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the
6 lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the expiration of the
7 term of any member, except the lay member, the Governor shall in the
8 manner herein provided appoint for a term of six (6) years a
9 professional engineer or professional land surveyor having the
10 qualifications required in Section 475.4 of this title. The lay
11 member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term
12 coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve
13 at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may
14 continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until
15 such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed
16 to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the
17 expiration of the term for which appointed or until a successor has
18 been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on
19 the Board due to resignation, death or for any cause resulting in an
20 unexpired term, if not filled within three (3) months, the Board may
21 appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the
22 Governor acts.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.
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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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE
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