

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2807

By: Kendrix

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 396, which relates to the Oklahoma Funeral  
9 Board; re-creating the Board; and modifying  
10 termination date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 396. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July  
16 1, ~~2023~~ 2029, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
17 Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the  
18 statutes to the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral  
19 Directors shall be a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The  
20 Board shall consist of seven (7) persons, who shall be appointed by  
21 the Governor. The term of membership of each member of the Board  
22 shall be five (5) years from the expiration of the term of the  
23 member succeeded. Any member having served as a member of the Board  
24 shall be eligible for reappointment. Provided that, a member of the

1 Board shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and any  
2 unexpired term that a member is appointed to shall not apply to this  
3 limit. The Governor shall appoint the necessary members to the  
4 Board upon vacancies and immediately prior to the expiration of the  
5 various terms. Upon request of the Governor, appointments of a  
6 licensed embalmer and funeral director member of the Board shall be  
7 made from a list of five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma  
8 Funeral Directors Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy  
9 shall be for the unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve  
10 until a successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a  
11 member of the Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person  
12 is of good moral character and a resident of this state. Five of  
13 the members shall have been actively engaged in the practice of  
14 embalming and funeral directing in this state for not less than  
15 seven (7) consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of  
16 the person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral  
17 Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain  
18 a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on  
19 the Board. Two ~~of the~~ members of the Board shall be chosen from the  
20 general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed  
21 and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be  
22 licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,  
23 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business  
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1 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two  
2 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

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