

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1465

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

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4 Kendrix of the House

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, as last amended
8 by Section 11, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S.
9 Supp. 2025, Section 475.3), which relates to the
10 State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers
11 and Surveyors; extending sunset date; updating
12 statutory language; providing an effective date; and
13 declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, as
16 last amended by Section 11, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp.
17 2025, Section 475.3), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 475.3. A. The State Board of Licensure for
19 Professional Engineers and Surveyors is hereby re-created, to
20 continue until ~~July 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2031, in accordance with the
21 provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to
22 administer the provisions of this act. The Board shall consist of
23 four professional engineers and two professional surveyors, at least
24 one of whom ~~is~~ shall not be a professional engineer, all of whom
shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of
the ~~Oklahoma State~~ Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay

1 member. The professional engineers and professional surveyors shall
2 have the qualifications required by this act.

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

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

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

6 Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2026.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate

10 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
11 2026.

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