

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3003

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
12 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.4, as amended by
13 Section 1, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp.
14 2025, Section 161.4), which relates to the Board of
15 Chiropractic Examiners; extending sunset date;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.4, as
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,
21 Section 161.4), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 161.4. A. A Board of Chiropractic Examiners is hereby
23 re-created to continue until July 1, ~~2026~~ 2031, in accordance with
24 the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Board shall regulate
the practice of chiropractic in this state in accordance with the

1 provisions of the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act. The Board,
2 appointed by the Governor, shall be composed of eight chiropractic
3 physicians and one lay member representing the public.

4 B. Each chiropractic physician member of the Board shall:

5 1. Be a legal resident of this state;

6 2. Have practiced chiropractic continuously in this state
7 during the five (5) years immediately preceding appointment to the
8 Board;

9 3. Be free of pending disciplinary action or active
10 investigation by the Board;

11 4. Be a person of recognized professional ability, integrity
12 and good reputation; and

13 5. Be in active clinical chiropractic practice at least fifty
14 percent (50%) of the time.

15 C. The lay member of the Board shall:

16 1. Be a legal resident of this state; and

17 2. Not be a registered or licensed practitioner of any of the
18 healing arts or be related within the third degree of consanguinity
19 or affinity to any such person.

20 D. The Governor shall appoint members to the Board and for
21 terms of years as follows:

22 1. Position 1: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
23 whose term expires November 2, 2006, the Governor shall appoint a
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1 board member from District 1 for a term of four (4) years to expire
2 on November 1, 2010, and every four (4) years thereafter;

3 2. Position 2: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
4 whose term expires November 1, 2005, the Governor shall appoint a
5 board member from District 2 for a term of four (4) years to expire
6 on November 1, 2009, and every four (4) years thereafter;

7 3. Position 3: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
8 whose term expires June 7, 2007, the Governor shall appoint a board
9 member from District 3 for a term of four (4) years to expire on
10 June 1, 2011, and every four (4) years thereafter;

11 4. Position 4: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
12 whose term expires November 1, 2007, the Governor shall appoint a
13 board member from District 4 for a term of four (4) years to expire
14 on November 1, 2011, and every four (4) years thereafter;

15 5. Position 5: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
16 whose term expires June 7, 2008, the Governor shall appoint a board
17 member from District 5 for a term of four (4) years to expire on
18 June 1, 2012, and every four (4) years thereafter;

19 6. Position 6: On June 1, 2005, the Governor shall appoint a
20 board member from District 6 for a term of one (1) year to expire on
21 June 1, 2006, and every four (4) years thereafter;

22 7. Position 7: On November 1, 2005, the Governor shall appoint
23 a board member from District 7 for a term of three (3) years to
24 expire on November 1, 2008, and every four (4) years thereafter;

1 8. Position 8: Upon expiration of the term of the board member
2 whose term expires June 7, 2005, the Governor shall appoint a board
3 member from the state at large for a term of four (4) years to
4 expire on June 1, 2009, and every four (4) years thereafter; and

5 9. Position 9: The lay member of the Board shall serve a term
6 coterminous with that of the Governor.

7 E. For the purpose of the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act,
8 the state shall be divided into the following districts:

9 1. District 1: Alfalfa, Beaver, Beckham, Caddo, Cimarron,
10 Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Grant, Greer, Garfield, Harmon, Harper,
11 Jackson, Kiowa, Major, Noble, Roger Mills, Texas, Washita, Woods and
12 Woodward Counties;

13 2. District 2: Tulsa County;

14 3. District 3: Kay, Logan, Lincoln, Osage, Pawnee, Payne and
15 Pottawatomie Counties;

16 4. District 4: Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Garvin, Grady, Love,
17 Murray, Jefferson, Stephens and Tillman Counties;

18 5. District 5: Blaine, Canadian, Cleveland, Kingfisher,
19 McClain and Oklahoma Counties;

20 6. District 6: Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Choctaw, Creek, Hughes,
21 Johnston, Latimer, Le Flore, Marshall, McCurtain, Okfuskee,
22 Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pushmataha and Seminole Counties; and
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1 7. District 7: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Haskell,
2 Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Rogers,
3 Sequoyah, Wagoner and Washington Counties.
4 Members appointed after June 2002 shall serve no more than two (2)
5 consecutive terms.

6 F. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the
7 term of office for which appointed or until a qualified successor
8 has been duly appointed. An appointment shall be made by the
9 Governor within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the term of
10 any member, or the occurrence of a vacancy on the Board due to
11 resignation, death, or any other cause resulting in an unexpired
12 term.

13 G. Before assuming duties on the Board, each member shall take
14 and subscribe to the oath or affirmation provided in Article XV of
15 the Oklahoma Constitution, which oath or affirmation shall be
16 administered and filed as provided in the article.

17 H. A member may be removed from the Board by the Governor for
18 cause which shall include, but not be limited to:

- 19 1. Ceasing to be qualified;
- 20 2. Being found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of a
21 felony or any offense involving moral turpitude;
- 22 3. Being found guilty, through due process, of malfeasance,
23 misfeasance or nonfeasance in relation to Board duties;

1 4. Being found mentally incompetent by a court of competent
2 jurisdiction;

3 5. Being found in violation of any provision of the Oklahoma
4 Chiropractic Practice Act; or

5 6. Failing to attend three meetings of the Board without just
6 cause, as determined by the Board.

7 I. No member of the Board shall be:

8 1. A registered lobbyist;

9 2. An officer, board member or employee of a statewide
10 organization established for the purpose of advocating the interests
11 of chiropractors licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Chiropractic
12 Practice Act; or

13 3. An insurance claims adjuster, reviewer, or consultant;
14 provided, however, a person shall not be considered to be a
15 consultant solely for testifying in a court as an expert witness.

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

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated
23 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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