

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. 3004

By: Kendrix of the House

and

**Bergstrom** of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
12                   amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 582, as amended by  
13                   Section 1, Chapter 252, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp.  
14                   2025, Section 582), which relates to the Board of  
15                   Examiners in Optometry; 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 582, as  
20                   amended by Section 1, Chapter 252, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
21                   Section 582), is amended to read as follows:

22                   Section 582. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July  
23                   1, ~~2026~~ 2031, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
24                   Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners in Optometry. This Board shall  
                  consist of five (5) persons, four of whom shall possess sufficient

1 knowledge of theoretical and practical optics to practice optometry,  
2 be duly licensed as optometrists, and who shall have been residents  
3 of this state actually engaged in the practice of optometry for at  
4 least five (5) years. The term of each licensed optometrist member  
5 of the Board, one being appointed each year, shall be five (5)  
6 years, or until a qualified successor is appointed. The lay member  
7 of the Board shall serve a term coterminous with that of the  
8 Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The  
9 Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a member of the Board of  
10 Examiners in Optometry at the expiration of any term or whenever,  
11 for any reason, a vacancy may occur on the Board. Vacancies shall  
12 be filled for the unexpired term only.

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

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated  
20 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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