

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2026

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1465

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Kendrix of the House

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

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, as
18 last amended by Section 11, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp.
19 2025, Section 475.3), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the ~~Oklahoma State~~ Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay
3 member. The professional engineers and professional surveyors shall
4 have the qualifications required by this act.

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

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

1 within three (3) months, the Board may appoint a provisional member
2 to serve in the interim until the Governor acts.

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

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INSURANCE
9 February 12, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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