

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1465

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

19 Section 475.3. A. The State Board of Licensure for  
20 Professional Engineers and Surveyors is hereby re-created, to  
21 continue until ~~July 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2036, in accordance with the  
22 provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to  
23 administer the provisions of this act. The Board shall consist of  
24 four professional engineers and two professional surveyors, at least  
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

1 the Oklahoma State Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay  
2 member. The professional engineers and professional surveyors shall  
3 have the qualifications required by this act.

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

7 C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for  
8 such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the  
9 term of the lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the  
10 expiration of the term of any member, except the term of the lay  
11 member, the Governor shall in the manner herein provided appoint for  
12 a term of six (6) years a professional engineer or professional  
13 surveyor having the qualifications required in this act. The lay  
14 member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term  
15 coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve  
16 at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may  
17 continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until  
18 such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed  
19 to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the  
20 expiration of the term for which he or she was appointed or until a  
21 successor has been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event  
22 of a vacancy on the Board due to resignation, death, or for any  
23 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.

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