

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1843

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An Act relating to the State Regents; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3204, which relates to officers; providing immunity from personal liability for members of the State Regents for certain acts or omissions; providing exceptions; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3204, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3204. (a) The State Regents shall be a body corporate, and shall adopt an official seal; and all contracts, official documents, awards, degrees or other papers or instruments issued by the State Regents and requiring the official signature of the State Regents shall have the impression of such seal.

(b) The State Regents shall annually elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and assistant secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year. The chairman shall be the presiding officer of the State Regents. ~~He~~ The chairman shall, on behalf of the State Regents, subscribe the official name thereof, and the secretary shall affix the official

1 seal to all contracts, official documents, awards, degrees or other  
2 papers or instruments issued by the State Regents and requiring the  
3 official signature of the State Regents. In the absence,  
4 disqualification or disability of the chairman or secretary to act,  
5 the vice-chairman and assistant secretary shall perform the duties  
6 of such respective officers. The officers of the State Regents  
7 shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be  
8 prescribed by the State Regents, which shall also adopt such rules  
9 and regulations as it deems necessary to govern its proceedings and  
10 the conduct of its business.

11 (c) No member of the State Regents shall be held personally  
12 liable for damages resulting from any negligent or wrongful act of  
13 an employee of any institution within The Oklahoma State System of  
14 Higher Education or of another member of the State Regents. Such  
15 immunity shall not apply to intentional torts or grossly negligent  
16 acts or omissions of the member.

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

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

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