

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 3353

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Pardon and Parole Board;
amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 332.15, which relates
to conflicts of interest; updating language; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 332.15, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 332.15. A. From and after the effective date of this
act, no member of the Pardon and Parole Board ~~and/or their~~ or his or
her law firm ~~or,~~ law partners, or associate may represent in a legal
capacity any inmate incarcerated in any state penal institution. If
a member of the Pardon and Parole Board, or his or her law partners
or associate or any member of his or her law firm undertakes the
representation of an inmate in violation of this prohibition the
member of the Board shall forfeit his or her office. In any case in
which an inmate requesting a pardon or parole was represented in a
legal capacity by any member of the Pardon and Parole Board ~~and/or~~

1 ~~their~~ or his or her law firm ~~or~~, law partners, or associate prior to
2 imposition of a prison term, the Board member who represented such
3 inmate shall be disqualified from voting on ~~such inmate's~~ the
4 request by the inmate for a pardon or parole.

5 B. A member of the Pardon and Parole Board shall uphold and
6 promote the independence, impartiality, fairness, and integrity of
7 the Board, and should avoid impropriety or the appearance of
8 impropriety.

9 C. If any Pardon and Parole Board member determines
10 circumstances would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of all
11 the relevant facts to question his or her impartiality in a specific
12 matter, or creates the appearance of impropriety, the Pardon and
13 Parole Board member shall disclose any potential conflict of
14 interest and shall withdraw from participation in the matter.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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