SENATE FLOOR VERSION
April 12, 2023

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2820

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

An Act relating to sunset; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
Section 23-105, which relates to the Oklahoma
Educational Television Authority; re-creating the
authority; and modifying termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 23-105, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 23-105. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
July 1, 2023 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
Statutes, a body corporate and politic to be known as the "Oklahoma
Educational Television Authority", and by that name the Authority
may sue and be sued, and plead and be impleaded. The Authority is
hereby constituted an instrumentality of the state, and the exercise
by the Authority of the powers conferred by this article for the
planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of educational
television facilities shall be deemed and held to be an essential
function of the state.

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority shall consist of
thirteen (13) members, including the President of the University of
Oklahoma, the President of Oklahoma State University, the State
Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma
State Regents for Higher Education, the president of one of the
state-supported four-year colleges to be chosen by the presidents of
this group of institutions, the president of one of the state-
supported two-year colleges to be chosen by the presidents of this
group of institutions, and seven additional members to be appointed
by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve
seven-year terms.

The appointed members shall have been residents of the state for
at least five (5) years preceding the date of their appointment.
The appointed members shall include one member from each of the
congressional districts and any remaining members shall be appointed
from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are
redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which
such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term
of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which
such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn
districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts.
which are not represented by a board an authority member until such
time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented
by a board an authority member. A majority of the appointed members
shall be actively engaged in the profession of education. Each
appointed member of the Authority, before entering upon the duties
of the member, shall take the oath provided for by Section 1 of
Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

The seven original members appointed by the Governor shall
continue in office for terms expiring on June 30, 1954; June 30,
1955; June 30, 1956; June 30, 1957; June 30, 1958; June 30, 1959;
and June 30, 1960, respectively. The terms of each of the original
appointed members shall be designated by the Governor, and said
members shall serve for their appointed terms and until their
respective successors shall be appointed and qualified. The
successor of each appointed member shall be appointed for a term of
seven (7) years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy
shall be appointed to serve only for the unexpired term in said
vacancy.

The Authority shall elect from the membership of the Authority a
chairman chair, a vice-chairman vice-chair, and a secretary-
treasurer. Any such officers elected by the Authority on or after
July 1, 1984, shall be appointed to serve a term of one (1) year.
Seven members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum, and the
vote of seven members shall be necessary for any action taken by the
Authority. No vacancy in the membership of the Authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The Authority shall meet at least quarterly.

The members of the Authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services, but each member shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing official duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. No liability or obligation shall be incurred by the Authority beyond the extent to which monies shall have been provided pursuant to the authority of this article.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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