STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2816

By: Kendrix

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sunset; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 91, which relates to the State Anatomical Board; re-creating the Board; and modifying termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 91, is amended to read as follows:

Section 91. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, an oversight Board to be known as the State Anatomical Board, to be composed of the following members:

1. The Deans or their designee of each accredited medical school and osteopathic medical school within the State of Oklahoma;

2. The persons heading the Department of Anatomy, or comparable department, in the medical and osteopathic medical schools or their designee;
3. Two persons appointed jointly by the presidents of institutions of higher education within the state which have educational programs other than medical which require on a regular basis human anatomical materials, provided that these programs have been approved by the State Regents for Higher Education; and

4. One at-large member appointed by the Governor to represent the interests of the citizens of this state.

B. It shall be the duty of the State Anatomical Board to register all anatomical donor programs and non-transplant tissue banks and to designate agents to provide for the collection, preservation, storage, distribution, delivery, recovery from users, cremation and final disposition of all dead human bodies used for health science education and research in the State of Oklahoma.

C. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairperson who shall perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe by rule. The Board shall have full power to establish rules for its government, to appoint and remove officers, and to appoint an executive director who shall keep full and complete minutes of its transactions and manage the affairs of the Board. The expenditures authorized in this section shall not be a charge against the state, but shall be paid by the agent designated by the Board to receive, store, issue, and cremate human anatomical materials. Records shall also be kept by the agent of all bodies received and distributed for the period of time authorized by the Records Disposition Schedule.
The name of the oversight Board shall be the State Anatomical Board, hereinafter called the Anatomical Board. The Anatomical Board may, in its discretion, exempt any county, district, or institution from the provisions of this act in any calendar year for any length of time.

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