STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE BILL 2808

By: Kendrix

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, which relates to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; re-creating the Board; and modifying termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 475.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 475.3  A. The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2023 2029, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board shall consist of four professional engineers and two professional land surveyors, at least one of whom is not a professional engineer, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay
member. The professional engineers and professional land surveyors shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have the qualifications required by Section 475.4 of this title.

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

C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the expiration of the term of any member, except the lay member, the Governor shall in the manner herein provided appoint for a term of six (6) years a professional engineer or professional land surveyor having the qualifications required in Section 475.4 of this title. The lay member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the expiration of the term for which appointed or until a successor has been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the Board due to resignation, death or for any cause resulting in an unexpired term, if not filled within three (3) months, the Board may
appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the Governor acts.

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