COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated 02/16/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.