

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1076

By: Gann and Crosswhite Hader
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8 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 1607, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
10 463, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1607),
11 which relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-
12 Language Pathology and Audiology; re-creating the
13 Board; and modifying termination date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1607, as
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 463, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.
17 2020, Section 1607), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
19 July 1, ~~2021~~ 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
20 Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and
21 Audiology whose duty it is to administer the provisions of the
22 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act. The members
23 of the Board shall be residents of this state and shall be appointed
24 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
Board shall be composed of five (5) members consisting of three

1 licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, provided that
2 at least one of the three shall be a licensed speech-language
3 pathologist and at least one a licensed audiologist; one
4 otolaryngologist who is certified by the American Board of
5 Otolaryngology and one lay member.

6 B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following
7 terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years,
8 and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration
9 of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason,
10 the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3)
11 years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. The successor for
12 any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will
13 be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language
14 pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-
15 Language-Hearing Association. The re-creation of the Board shall
16 not affect the staggered terms of office for Board members
17 established with the original Board.

18 C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each
19 member of the Board shall take the Constitutional oath of office and
20 file it with the Secretary of State.

21 D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional
22 three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a
23 previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for
24 one additional three-year term.

1 E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State
3 Travel Reimbursement Act.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2021.

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