

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2820

By: Kendrix of the House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

12       The appointed members shall have been residents of the state for  
13 at least five (5) years preceding the date of their appointment.  
14 The appointed members shall include one member from each of the  
15 congressional districts and any remaining members shall be appointed  
16 from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are  
17 redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which  
18 such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term  
19 of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which  
20 such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn  
21 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such  
22 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts  
23 which are not represented by ~~a board~~ an authority member until such  
24 time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented

1 by ~~a board~~ an authority member. A majority of the appointed members  
2 shall be actively engaged in the profession of education. Each  
3 appointed member of the Authority, before entering upon the duties  
4 of the member, shall take the oath provided for by Section 1 of  
5 Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

6 The seven original members appointed by the Governor shall  
7 continue in office for terms expiring on June 30, 1954; June 30,  
8 1955; June 30, 1956; June 30, 1957; June 30, 1958; June 30, 1959;  
9 and June 30, 1960, respectively. The terms of each of the original  
10 appointed members shall be designated by the Governor, and said  
11 members shall serve for their appointed terms and until their  
12 respective successors shall be appointed and qualified. The  
13 successor of each appointed member shall be appointed for a term of  
14 seven (7) years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy  
15 shall be appointed to serve only for the unexpired term in said  
16 vacancy.

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

1 all the duties of the Authority. The Authority shall meet at least  
2 quarterly.

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

10 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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15 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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