

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2959

By: Kendrix of the House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 396, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 32,
9 O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 396), which
relates to the Oklahoma Funeral Board; re-creating
the Board; and modifying the termination date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023,
15 Section 396), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 396. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July
17 1, ~~2024~~ 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
18 Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the
19 statutes to the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral
20 Directors shall be a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The
21 Board shall consist of seven (7) persons, who shall be appointed by
22 the Governor. The term of membership of each member of the Board
23 shall be five (5) years from the expiration of the term of the
24 member succeeded. Any member having served as a member of the Board

1 shall be eligible for reappointment. Provided that, a member of the
2 Board shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and any
3 unexpired term that a member is appointed to shall not apply to this
4 limit. The Governor shall appoint the necessary members to the
5 Board upon vacancies and immediately prior to the expiration of the
6 various terms. Upon request of the Governor, appointments of a
7 licensed embalmer and funeral director member of the Board shall be
8 made from a list of five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma
9 Funeral Directors Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy
10 shall be for the unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve
11 until a successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a
12 member of the Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person
13 is of good moral character and a resident of this state. Five of
14 the members shall have been actively engaged in the practice of
15 embalming and funeral directing in this state for not less than
16 seven (7) consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of
17 the person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral
18 Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain
19 a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on
20 the Board. Two of the members of the Board shall be chosen from the
21 general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed
22 and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be
23 licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,
24 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business

1 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two
2 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of February,
4 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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8 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2024.

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