

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 253

By: Fields of the Senate

3 and

4 Cox of the House

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6 [Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services -
7 composition of the Board - quorum - effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-103, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 2-103. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance
14 Abuse Services shall be composed of ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) members,
15 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
16 Senate. Each term is for a seven-year period and members may be
17 reappointed to subsequent terms. Board members shall meet the
18 following criteria:

19 1. One member, who shall be a physician licensed to practice in
20 this state, and one member, who shall be a psychiatrist certified as
21 a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, shall
22 both be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than
23 three physicians and not less than three psychiatrists submitted to
24 the Governor by the Oklahoma State Medical Association;

1 2. Two members shall be osteopathic physicians licensed to
2 practice in this state, appointed from a list containing the names
3 of not less than six osteopathic physicians submitted to the
4 Governor by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association;

5 3. One member, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice in
6 this state and shall be appointed from a list of not less than three
7 names submitted to the Governor by the Board of Governors of the
8 Oklahoma Bar Association;

9 ~~3.~~ 4. One member, who shall be a psychologist, licensed to
10 practice in this state, who shall be appointed from a list of not
11 less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma
12 State Psychological Association;

13 ~~4.~~ 5. Three members, qualified by education and experience in
14 the area of substance abuse recovery, who shall be appointed from a
15 list of not less than ten names submitted to the Governor by a state
16 association of substance abuse recovery programs or organizations;
17 and

18 ~~5.~~ 6. Four members who shall be citizens of this state, at
19 least one of whom shall be either a current or former consumer of
20 mental health services.

21 B. No person shall be appointed a member of the Board who has
22 been a member of the Legislature of this state within the preceding
23 five (5) years.

1 C. The Board shall elect from among its members a chair and a
2 vice-chair. The chair may call meetings at any time.

3 D. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be held
4 at the Central Office of the Department of Mental Health and
5 Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless otherwise
6 scheduled. ~~Si~~ Seven members shall constitute a quorum at any
7 meeting, and all action may be taken by an affirmative vote of the
8 majority of the members present at any such meeting.

9 E. The action taken by the Board on any matter, or any document
10 passed by the Board, shall be considered official when such action
11 is placed in writing and signed by the chair or vice-chair.

12 F. The duties of the Board shall pertain to the care,
13 treatment, and hospitalization of persons with mental illness, or
14 alcohol- or drug-dependent persons.

15 G. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
16 Services shall be allowed their necessary travel expenses pursuant
17 to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18 H. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
19 Services shall be allowed to serve on the State Board of Medical
20 Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic
21 Examiners during members' terms on the Board of Mental Health and
22 Substance Abuse Services.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.
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