

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 394

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 91, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 91), which relates to the State Anatomical Board; extending sunset date; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 91, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 91), is amended to read as follows:

Section 91. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, an oversight ~~Board~~ board to be known as the State Anatomical Board, to be composed of the following members:

1. The ~~Deans~~ deans or their designee of each accredited medical school and osteopathic medical school within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state;

1           2. The persons heading the ~~Department of Anatomy~~ department of  
2 anatomy, or comparable department, in the medical and osteopathic  
3 medical schools or their designee;

4           3. Two persons appointed jointly by the presidents of  
5 institutions of higher education within the state which have  
6 educational programs other than medical which require on a regular  
7 basis human anatomical materials, provided that these programs have  
8 been approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;  
9 and

10          4. One at-large member appointed by the Governor to represent  
11 the interests of the citizens of this state.

12          B. It shall be the duty of the State Anatomical Board to  
13 register all anatomical donor programs and non-transplant tissue  
14 banks and to designate agents to provide for the collection,  
15 preservation, storage, distribution, delivery, recovery from users,  
16 cremation and final disposition of all dead human bodies used for  
17 health science education and research in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this  
18 state.

19          C. The Board shall elect from its membership a ~~chairperson~~  
20 chair who shall perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe  
21 by rule. The Board shall have full power to establish rules for its  
22 government, to appoint and remove officers, and to appoint an  
23 executive director who shall keep full and complete minutes of its  
24 transactions and manage the affairs of the Board. The expenditures  
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1 authorized in this section shall not be a charge against the state,  
2 but shall be paid by the agent designated by the Board to receive,  
3 store, issue, and cremate human anatomical materials. Records shall  
4 also be kept by the agent of all bodies received and distributed for  
5 the period of time authorized by the Records Disposition Schedule.  
6 The name of the oversight ~~Board~~ board shall be the State Anatomical  
7 Board, hereinafter called the Anatomical Board. The Anatomical  
8 Board may, in its discretion, exempt any county, district, or  
9 institution from the provisions of ~~this act~~ Sections 91 through 100  
10 of this title in any calendar year for any length of time.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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