

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2804

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 15.2, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 26,
9 O.S.L. 2022 (59 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 15.2), which
relates to the Oklahoma Accountancy Board; and
removing Board from Oklahoma Sunset Law.

11 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
entire bill and insert

13 "An Act relating to professions and occupations;
14 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 15.2, as amended by
15 Section 2, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2022 (59 O.S. Supp.
2022, Section 15.2), which relates to the Oklahoma
Accountancy Board; extending sunset date; providing
an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 15.2, as
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2022 (59 O.S. Supp. 2022,
21 Section 15.2), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 15.2 A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
23 ~~July 1, 2023~~ July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the
24 Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The Oklahoma

1 Accountancy Board shall have the responsibility for administering
2 and enforcing the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. The Oklahoma
3 Accountancy Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, who shall
4 have professional or practical experience in the use of accounting
5 services and financial matters, so as to be qualified to make
6 judgments about the qualifications and conduct of persons and firms
7 subject to regulation under the Oklahoma Accountancy Act to be
8 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The number
9 of registrant members shall not be more than five, not including a
10 firm, who shall serve terms of five (5) years. No member who has
11 served two successive complete terms shall be eligible for
12 reappointment, but an appointment to fill an unexpired term shall
13 not be considered a complete term for this purpose. One public
14 member shall serve coterminously with the Governor appointing the
15 public member. The other public member shall serve a term of five
16 (5) years.

17 B. Five members shall be certified public accountants holding
18 certificates and four shall hold permits issued pursuant to the
19 provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act, at least four of whom
20 shall have been engaged in the practice of public accounting as a
21 certified public accountant continuously for not less than five (5)
22 out of the last fifteen (15) years immediately preceding their
23 appointments. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and
24 submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Certified

1 Public Accountants from time to time as appointments of the
2 certified public accountant Board members are required. A list of
3 three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from
4 which the Governor may make the appointment.

5 C. Two members shall be public members who are not certified
6 public accountants. One public member shall be appointed by the
7 Governor to a term coterminous with the Governor, to serve at his or
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13 Certified Public Accountants, or successor organizations from time
14 to time as appointment of the Board member is required. A list of
15 three (3) names shall be submitted for each single appointment from
16 which the Governor may make the appointment.

17 D. Upon the expiration of the term of office, a member shall
18 continue to serve until a qualified successor has been appointed.
19 Confirmation by the Senate is required during the next regular
20 session of the Senate for the member to continue to serve.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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15 Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of February,
16 2023.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

20 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2023.

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