

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 194

By: Murdock and Kirt of the  
Senate

6 and

7 Newton of the House

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10 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land  
11 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which  
12 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land  
13 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the  
14 advice and consent of a joint committee; providing an  
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the  
20 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the  
21 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to  
22 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be  
23 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the  
24 Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of a

1 joint legislative committee with membership appointed by the Speaker  
2 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. It shall be the duty of the  
4 Secretary to execute, under the supervision of the Commissioners of  
5 the Land Office, the provisions of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as  
6 it relates to the management of school lands and other public lands,  
7 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and all laws,  
8 regulations, and duties pertaining to the Commissioners of the Land  
9 Office and to carry into execution the will of the Commissioners of  
10 the Land Office not in conflict with any law.

11 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

12 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or  
13 university;

14 2. Have not less than five (5) years of experience in  
15 government, law or finance; and

16 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the  
17 Commissioners of the Land Office.

18 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year  
19 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor  
20 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary  
21 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the  
22 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the  
23 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes  
24 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of

1 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary  
2 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as  
3 provided for in this section.

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

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

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