

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4   HOUSE BILL 1403

                                  By: Culver

7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A  
9                   O.S. 2021, Section 201, which relates to the Oklahoma  
10                  Horse Racing Commission; modifying appointment of  
                     members of the Commission; and providing an effective  
                     date.

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

14                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           3A O.S. 2021, Section 201, is  
15                   amended to read as follows:

16                   Section 201. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Horse  
17                   Racing Commission, which shall consist of the following nine (9)  
18                   members:

19                   1. One member who shall be from the First Congressional  
20                   District appointed by the Governor;

21                   2. One member who shall be from the Second Congressional  
22                   District appointed by the Governor;

23                   3. One member who shall be from the Fifth Congressional  
24                   District appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

1        4. One member who shall be from the Fourth Congressional  
2 District appointed by the Attorney General;

3        5. One member who shall be from the Third Congressional  
4 District appointed by the Labor Commissioner;

5        6. Two members who shall be experienced in the horse industry  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7        7. Two members who shall be experienced in the horse industry  
8 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate  
9 ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

10        ~~At least one member shall be appointed from each congressional~~  
11 ~~district, and at least three of the remaining members shall be~~  
12 ~~experienced in the horse industry and shall be appointed from the~~  
13 ~~state at large. However, when congressional districts When~~  
14 Congressional Districts are redrawn, each member appointed prior to  
15 July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective  
16 shall complete the current term of office, and appointments made  
17 after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes  
18 effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments  
19 made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes  
20 effective shall be from any redrawn districts which are not  
21 represented by a board member until such time as each of the  
22 modified ~~congressional districts~~ Congressional Districts is  
23 represented by a board member.

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1 B. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, a person  
2 shall:

3 1. Be a citizen of the United States;

4 2. Have been a resident of this state for five (5) years  
5 immediately preceding the appointment; and

6 3. Not have been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of  
7 this state, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United  
8 States as established by a national criminal history record check as  
9 defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 C. The term of office of a member of the Commission shall be  
11 for six (6) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

12 D. ~~The Governor~~ Each appointing authority may remove ~~any~~ the  
13 member ~~of~~ he or she appointed to the Commission for incompetence,  
14 neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office upon first giving the  
15 member a copy of the charges and an opportunity to be heard. A  
16 vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by  
17 appointment made by the Governor.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL, dated  
21 02/09/2023 - DO PASS.  
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