

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 194

By: Murdock

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6 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land
7 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which
8 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land
9 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the
10 advice and consent of the Senate; providing an
11 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

15 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the
16 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the
17 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to
18 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be
19 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
20 Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of the
21 Senate. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to execute, under the
22 supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, the provisions
23 of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as it relates to the management of
24 school lands and other public lands, the Constitution of the State
of Oklahoma, and all laws, regulations, and duties pertaining to the

1 Commissioners of the Land Office and to carry into execution the
2 will of the Commissioners of the Land Office not in conflict with
3 any law.

4 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

5 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or
6 university;

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

9 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the
10 Commissioners of the Land Office.

11 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year
12 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor
13 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary
14 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the
15 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the
16 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes
17 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of
18 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
19 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as
20 provided for in this section.

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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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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