

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3212

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; defining terms; declaring public policy; providing for dissolution of board for failing to meet certain percentage of time; requiring Governor to provide certain notice; vesting certain authority in cabinet secretary and Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services; providing for adjustment of time period of meetings for emergencies; providing exemption for certain entities; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.7 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of this section:

1. "Board" means any board, commission, committee, authority, or task force;

2. "Meeting" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 304 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. "Public body" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 304 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1 4. "Quorum" means the minimum number of voting appointed
2 members who must be present at a properly called meeting in order to
3 conduct business of a public body or as defined by the board's
4 statutes, rules and regulations, bylaws, or by Executive Order.

5 B. It is the public policy of the State of Oklahoma to
6 encourage and promote the efficiency of government by providing a
7 means for the mission and business of the State of Oklahoma to
8 proceed should a board be unable to meet.

9 1. Should a board fail to meet sixty percent (60%) of the time
10 within a calendar year, due to lack of quorum, the board may be
11 dissolved by the Office of the Governor.

12 2. The Governor shall provide notice of said declaration to the
13 Secretary of State, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

15 3. The authority of the board shall be vested in the Cabinet
16 Secretary and Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
17 Services, or designee, in order to continue the mission and purpose
18 of the board. Such authority shall be inclusive of all
19 responsibilities of the board as provided by law.

20 4. Should the board fail to meet due to the Governor declaring
21 an emergency, the time period in paragraph 1 of this subsection
22 shall be adjusted in accordance with the duration of the emergency
23 declaration.

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5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to standing committees as deemed part of the Legislature, the State Election Board, or the Ethics Commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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