

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 194

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1 of Oklahoma, and all laws, regulations, and duties pertaining to the
2 Commissioners of the Land Office and to carry into execution the
3 will of the Commissioners of the Land Office not in conflict with
4 any law.

5 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 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.

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