

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 224

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, which relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; removing certain limitation on appointees; permitting the Governor to consider certain recommendations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology whose duty it is to administer the provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act. The members of the Board shall be residents of this state and shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members consisting of three licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, provided that

1 at least one of the three shall be a licensed speech-language
2 pathologist and at least one a licensed audiologist; one
3 otolaryngologist who is certified by the American Board of
4 Otolaryngology and one lay member.

5 B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following
6 terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years,
7 and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration
8 of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason,
9 the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3)
10 years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. ~~The successor for~~
11 ~~any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will~~
12 ~~be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language~~
13 ~~pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-~~
14 ~~Language-Hearing Association~~ In selecting appointees, the Governor
15 may consider recommendations from a statewide organization
16 representing speech-language pathologists or audiologists, a state
17 chapter of a national organization representing speech-language
18 pathologists or audiologists, or other groups or individuals in this
19 state. The re-creation of the Board shall not affect the staggered
20 terms of office for Board members established with the original
21 Board.

22 C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each
23 member of the Board shall take the Constitutional oath of office and
24 file it with the Secretary of State.

1 D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional
2 three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a
3 previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for
4 one additional three-year term.

5 E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
6 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State
7 Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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