

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE BILL 1036

By: Kendrix

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1253, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 65, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1253), which relates to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers; re-creating the Board; and modifying the termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1253, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 65, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1253), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1253. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the State Board of Licensed Social Workers, consisting of seven (7) members.

B. Three of the members of the Board shall be licensed social workers or licensed clinical social workers licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Social Worker's Licensing Act. Two members shall be licensed as either social work associates or master's social workers. One member shall be the president of the Oklahoma Chapter

1 of the National Association of Social Workers. The remaining member
2 of the Board shall be selected from and shall represent the general
3 public.

4 C. Responsibility for enforcement of the provisions of this act
5 is hereby vested in the State Board of Social Work. The Board shall
6 have all of the duties, powers and authority specifically granted
7 by, or necessary for, the enforcement of this act as well as other
8 duties, powers and authority it may be granted by applicable law.

9 D. 1. Each member of the Board appointed as a social worker
10 shall:

- 11 a. be a resident of this state,
- 12 b. be licensed in good standing to engage in the practice
13 of social work in this state,
- 14 c. at the time of appointment, have been actively engaged
15 in the practice of social work for at least one (1)
16 year out of the last five (5) years, and
- 17 d. have at least three (3) years of experience in the
18 practice of social work.

19 2. Each member of the Board appointed to represent the general
20 public shall be a resident of this state who has attained the age of
21 majority and shall not be, nor shall ever have been, a social work
22 licensee, or the spouse of a social work licensee, or a person who
23 has ever had any material financial interest in the provision of
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1 social work services or has engaged in any activity directly related
2 to the practice of social work.

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