

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2773

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8 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
9 amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.15, which relates
10 to the Pardon and Parole Board; directing members to
11 uphold certain standards; requiring disclosure of
12 conflicts of interests; directing members to withdraw
13 from participating in matters under certain
14 circumstances; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.15, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 332.15 A. From and after the effective date of this
19 act, no member of the Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm
20 or law partners or associate may represent in a legal capacity any
21 inmate incarcerated in any state penal institution. If a member of
22 the Pardon and Parole Board, or his law partners or associate or any
23 member of his law firm undertakes the representation of an inmate in
24 violation of this prohibition the member of the Board shall forfeit
his office. In any case in which an inmate requesting a pardon or

1 parole was represented in a legal capacity by any member of the
2 Pardon and Parole Board and/or their law firm or law partners or
3 associate prior to imposition of a prison term, the Board member who
4 represented such inmate shall be disqualified from voting on such
5 inmate's request for a pardon or parole.

6 B. A member of the Pardon and Parole Board member shall uphold
7 and promote the independence, impartiality, fairness, and integrity
8 of the Board, and should avoid impropriety or the appearance of
9 impropriety.

10 C. If any Pardon and Parole Board member determines
11 circumstances would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of all
12 the relevant facts to question his or her impartiality in a specific
13 matter, or creates the appearance of impropriety, the Pardon and
14 Parole Board member shall disclose any potential conflict of
15 interest and shall withdraw from participation in the matter.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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