

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2773

By: Pfeiffer of the House

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4 Weaver of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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