

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2837

By: Gann of the House

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6 An Act relating to sunset; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
7 Section 23-105, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
8 290, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 23-  
9 105), which relates to the Oklahoma Educational  
10 Television Authority; re-creating the Authority; and  
11 modifying termination date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 23-105, as  
14 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.  
15 2019, Section 23-105), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 23-105. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
17 July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
18 Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
19 Statutes, a body corporate and politic to be known as the "Oklahoma  
20 Educational Television Authority", and by that name the Authority  
21 may sue and be sued, and plead and be impleaded. The Authority is  
22 hereby constituted an instrumentality of the state, and the exercise  
23 by the Authority of the powers conferred by this article for the  
24 planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of educational

1 television facilities shall be deemed and held to be an essential  
2 function of the state.

3       The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority shall consist of  
4 thirteen (13) members, including the President of the University of  
5 Oklahoma, the President of Oklahoma State University, the State  
6 Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma  
7 State Regents for Higher Education, the president of one of the  
8 state-supported four-year colleges to be chosen by the presidents of  
9 this group of institutions, the president of one of the state-  
10 supported two-year colleges to be chosen by the presidents of this  
11 group of institutions, and seven additional members to be appointed  
12 by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, to serve seven-year  
13 terms.

14       The appointed members shall have been residents of the state for  
15 at least five (5) years preceding the date of their appointment.  
16 The appointed members shall include one member from each of the  
17 congressional districts and any remaining members shall be appointed  
18 from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are  
19 redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which  
20 such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term  
21 of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which  
22 such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn  
23 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such  
24 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts

1 which are not represented by a board member until such time as each  
2 of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board  
3 member. A majority of the appointed members shall be actively  
4 engaged in the profession of education. Each appointed member of  
5 the Authority, before entering upon the duties of the member, shall  
6 take the oath provided for by Section 1 of Article XV of the  
7 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

8 The seven original members appointed by the Governor shall  
9 continue in office for terms expiring on June 30, 1954; June 30,  
10 1955; June 30, 1956; June 30, 1957; June 30, 1958; June 30, 1959;  
11 and June 30, 1960, respectively. The terms of each of the original  
12 appointed members shall be designated by the Governor, and said  
13 members shall serve for their appointed terms and until their  
14 respective successors shall be appointed and qualified. The  
15 successor of each appointed member shall be appointed for a term of  
16 seven (7) years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy  
17 shall be appointed to serve only for the unexpired term in said  
18 vacancy.

19 The Authority shall elect from the membership of the Authority a  
20 chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer. Any such  
21 officers elected by the Authority on or after July 1, 1984, shall be  
22 appointed to serve a term of one (1) year. Seven members of the  
23 Authority shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of seven members  
24 shall be necessary for any action taken by the Authority. No

1 vacancy in the membership of the Authority shall impair the right of  
2 a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of  
3 the Authority. The Authority shall meet at least quarterly.

4 The members of the Authority shall not be entitled to  
5 compensation for their services, but each member shall be reimbursed  
6 for travel expenses incurred in performing official duties in  
7 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement  
8 Act. No liability or obligation shall be incurred by the Authority  
9 beyond the extent to which monies shall have been provided pursuant  
10 to the authority of this article.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2020.

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14 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

15 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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19 Presiding Officer of the Senate