

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1027

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Environment and Natural Resources;  
8 amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-2-201, as last  
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 91, O.S.L. 2014 (27A  
10 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2-2-201), which relates to  
11 Environmental Quality Boards and Councils; providing  
12 sunset date for councils; and providing an effective  
13 date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-2-201, as  
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 91, O.S.L. 2014 (27A O.S. Supp.  
17 2018, Section 2-2-201), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-2-201. A. There are hereby created until July 1,  
19 2022:

- 20 1. The Water Quality Management Advisory Council;
- 21 2. The Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council;
- 22 3. The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council; and
- 23 4. The Radiation Management Advisory Council.

24 B. 1. Except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this  
25 subsection, each Council created pursuant to subsection A of this

1 section shall consist of nine (9) members. Three members shall be  
2 appointed by the Governor, three members shall be appointed by the  
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members shall be  
4 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Appointments  
5 shall be for three-year terms. Members of the Advisory Councils  
6 shall serve at the pleasure of and may be removed from office by the  
7 appointing authority. Members shall continue to serve until their  
8 successors are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same  
9 manner as the original appointments. Five members shall constitute  
10 a quorum.

11 2. a. The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council shall  
12 consist of ten (10) members. Four members shall be  
13 appointed by the Governor, three members shall be  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives and three members shall be appointed  
16 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.  
17 Appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members  
18 of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council shall  
19 serve at the pleasure of and may be removed from  
20 office by the appointing authority. Members shall  
21 continue to serve until their successors are  
22 appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same  
23 manner as the original appointments. Six members  
24 shall constitute a quorum.

1           b.    The Water Quality Management Advisory Council shall  
2                consist of twelve (12) members.  Four members shall be  
3                appointed by the Governor, four members shall be  
4                appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
5                and four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
6                the House of Representatives.  Appointments shall be  
7                for three-year terms.  Members shall serve at the  
8                pleasure of and may be removed by the appointing  
9                authority.  Members may be eligible for re-appointment  
10              and shall continue to serve until their successors are  
11              appointed.  Vacancies shall be filled in the same  
12              manner as their original appointments.  Seven members  
13              shall constitute a quorum.

14           3.  Each Council shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among  
15              its members.  Each Council shall meet as required for rule  
16              development, review and recommendation and for such other purposes  
17              specified by law.  Special meetings may be called by the chair or by  
18              the concurrence of any three members.

19           C.  1.  All members of the Water Quality Management Advisory  
20              Council shall be knowledgeable of water quality and of the  
21              environment.  The Council shall be composed as follows:

22              a.  the Governor shall appoint four members as follows:

23                  (1)  one member representing the field of engineering,  
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- (2) one member representing a statewide nonprofit environmental organization,
- (3) one member representing the general public, and
- (4) one member representing a commercial or publicly owned laboratory accredited by the Department for both the Drinking Water and the General Environmental Laboratory classifications of accreditation,

b. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members as follows:

- (1) one member representing an industry located in this state,
- (2) one member representing an oil field-related industry,
- (3) one member representing the field of geology, and
- (4) one member who holds a certificate under the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Act and who is the operator of a municipal waterworks or wastewater works facility, and

c. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members as follows:

- (1) one member representing a political subdivision of the state who shall be a member of the local governmental body of a city or town,
- (2) one member representing a rural water district organized pursuant to the laws of this state,
- (3) one member representing the field of agriculture, and
- (4) one member who holds a certificate under the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Act and who is the operator of a waterworks or wastewater works for a rural water or sewer district organized pursuant to law.

2. The jurisdictional areas of the Water Quality Management Advisory Council shall include Article VI of this chapter, Article IV of this chapter, waterworks and wastewater activities, water quality and protection and related activities and such other areas as designated by the Board.

D. 1. All members of the Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council shall be knowledgeable of hazardous waste and of the environment. The Council shall be composed as follows:

- a. the Governor shall appoint three members as follows:
  - (1) one member representing an industry located in this state,

1 (2) one member representing a statewide nonprofit  
2 environmental organization, and

3 (3) one member representing a political subdivision  
4 of the state who shall be a member of the local  
5 governing body of a city or town,

6 b. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint  
7 three members as follows:

8 (1) one member representing a political subdivision  
9 of the state who shall be a member of the local  
10 governmental body of a city or town,

11 (2) one member representing the general public, and

12 (3) one member representing industry generating  
13 hazardous waste, and

14 c. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
15 appoint three members as follows:

16 (1) one member representing the field of engineering,

17 (2) one member representing the hazardous waste  
18 industry, and

19 (3) one member representing the field of geology.

20 2. The jurisdictional areas of the Hazardous Waste Management  
21 Advisory Council shall include Article VII of this chapter, the  
22 Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Reduction Program, and such other areas as  
23 designated by the Board.  
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1 E. 1. All members of the Solid Waste Management Advisory  
2 Council shall be knowledgeable of solid waste and of the  
3 environment. The Council shall be composed as follows:

4 a. the Governor shall appoint four members as follows:

5 (1) one member representing a statewide nonprofit  
6 environmental organization,

7 (2) one member shall be a county commissioner,

8 (3) one member representing the general public, and

9 (4) one member representing the solid waste  
10 incineration, waste-to-energy industry in this  
11 state,

12 b. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint  
13 three members as follows:

14 (1) one member representing an industry located in  
15 this state generating solid waste,

16 (2) one member representing a political subdivision  
17 of this state who shall be a member of the local  
18 governmental body of a city or town, and

19 (3) one member representing the field of geology, and

20 c. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
21 appoint three members as follows:

22 (1) one member representing the solid waste disposal  
23 industry in this state,

- 1 (2) one member representing the field of engineering,  
2 and  
3 (3) one member representing the transportation  
4 industry.

5 2. The jurisdictional areas of the Solid Waste Management  
6 Advisory Council shall include Article X of this chapter, the  
7 Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act and such other areas as designated  
8 by the Board.

9 F. 1. All members of the Radiation Management Advisory Council  
10 shall be knowledgeable of radiation hazards and radiation  
11 protection. The Council shall be composed as follows:

12 a. the Governor shall appoint three members as follows:

- 13 (1) one member representing an industry located in  
14 this state which uses sources of radiation in its  
15 manufacturing or processing business,  
16 (2) one member representing a statewide nonprofit  
17 environmental organization, and  
18 (3) one member representing the engineering  
19 profession who shall be a professional engineer  
20 employed and experienced in matters of radiation  
21 management and protection,

22 b. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint  
23 three members as follows:  
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1 (1) one member representing the faculty of an  
2 institution of higher learning of university  
3 status and shall be experienced in matters of  
4 scientific knowledge and competent in matters of  
5 radiation management and protection,

6 (2) one member representing the general public, and

7 (3) one member representing the field of industrial  
8 radiography, and

9 c. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
10 appoint three members as follows:

11 (1) one member representing the transportation  
12 industry,

13 (2) one member representing the petroleum industry  
14 who is trained and experienced in radiation  
15 management and protection, and

16 (3) one member representing a medical institution  
17 within this state who shall be experienced in  
18 matters of radiation management and protection.

19 2. The jurisdictional areas of the Radiation Management  
20 Advisory Council shall include Article IX of this chapter and such  
21 other areas as designated by the Board.

22 G. 1. The Air Quality Council created pursuant to Section 6,  
23 Chapter 215, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 1-1807.1)  
24 shall remain in effect as the Air Quality Advisory Council and carry

1 on the powers and duties assigned to it by law. Future appointments  
2 to the Council shall be made according to the provisions of this  
3 section.

4 2. The Council shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be  
5 residents of this state and appointed by the Governor with the  
6 advice and consent of the Senate.

7 3. Members of the Council shall have the qualifications as  
8 follows:

9 a. one member shall be selected from the engineering  
10 profession, and, as such, shall be a professional  
11 engineer and experienced in matters of air pollution  
12 equipment and control, who shall not be an employee of  
13 any unit of government,

14 b. one member shall be selected from industry in general,  
15 and, as such, shall be employed as a manufacturing  
16 executive carrying on a manufacturing business within  
17 this state,

18 c. one member shall be selected from a faculty of an  
19 institution of higher learning of university status  
20 and shall be experienced in matters of scientific  
21 knowledge and competent in matters of air pollution  
22 control and evaluation,

23 d. one member shall be selected from the transportation  
24 industry,

1 e. one member shall be selected from the petroleum  
2 industry, and, as such, shall be employed by a  
3 petroleum company carrying on a petroleum refining  
4 business within the state, and, as such, shall be  
5 trained and experienced in matters of scientific  
6 knowledge of causes as well as effects of air  
7 pollution,

8 f. one member shall be selected from agriculture, and, as  
9 such, shall be engaged in or employed by a basic  
10 agricultural business or the processing of  
11 agricultural products,

12 g. one member shall be selected from the political  
13 subdivisions of the state, and, as such, shall be a  
14 member of the local government body of a city or town,

15 h. one member, whose first term shall expire on June 15,  
16 1998, shall be selected from the general public, and

17 i. one member, whose first term shall expire on June 15,  
18 1999, shall be selected from the electric utilities  
19 industry, and as such, shall be knowledgeable in  
20 matters of air pollution and control.

21 4. Each member shall be appointed to serve a term of office of  
22 seven (7) years.

23 The terms of all members shall be deemed to have expired on June  
24 15th of the year of expiration, and shall continue until successors

1 have been duly appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs, the  
2 Governor shall appoint a person for the remaining portion of the  
3 unexpired term created by the vacancy. Five members of the Council  
4 shall constitute a quorum.

5 5. The Council shall hold at least two regular meetings each  
6 calendar year at a place and time to be fixed by the Council. The  
7 Council shall select one of its members to serve as chair and  
8 another of its members to serve as vice-chair at the first regular  
9 meeting in each calendar year to serve as the chair and vice-chair  
10 for the ensuing year. Special meetings may be called, and any  
11 meeting may be canceled, by the chair, or by three members of the  
12 Council by delivery of written notice to each member of the Council.

13 6. The jurisdictional areas of the Air Quality Council shall  
14 include Article V of this chapter and such other areas as designated  
15 by the Board.

16 H. In addition to other powers and duties assigned to each  
17 Council pursuant to this Code, each Council shall, within its  
18 jurisdictional area:

19 1. Have authority to recommend to the Board rules on behalf of  
20 the Department. The Department shall not have standing to recommend  
21 to the Board permanent rules or changes to such rules within the  
22 jurisdiction of a Council which have not previously been submitted  
23 to the appropriate Council for action;

1           2. Before recommending any permanent rules to the Board, give  
2 public notice, offer opportunity for public comment and conduct a  
3 public rulemaking hearing when required by the Administrative  
4 Procedures Act;

5           3. Have the authority to make written recommendations to the  
6 Board which have been concurred upon by at least a majority of the  
7 membership of the Council;

8           4. Have the authority to provide a public forum for the  
9 discussion of issues it considers relevant to its area of  
10 jurisdiction, and to:

11           a. pass nonbinding resolutions expressing the sense of  
12 the Council, and

13           b. make recommendations to the Board or Department  
14 concerning the need and the desirability of conducting  
15 meetings, workshops and seminars; and

16           5. Cooperate with each other Council, the public, the Board and  
17 the Executive Director in order to coordinate the rules within their  
18 respective jurisdictional areas and to achieve maximum efficiency  
19 and effectiveness in furthering the objectives of the Department.

20           I. The Councils shall not recommend rules for promulgation by  
21 the Environmental Quality Board unless all applicable requirements  
22 of the Administrative Procedures Act have been followed, including  
23 but not limited to notice, rule impact statement and rule-making  
24 hearings.

1 J. Members of the Councils shall serve without compensation but  
2 may be reimbursed expenses incurred in the performance of their  
3 duties, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The  
4 Councils are authorized to utilize the conference rooms of the  
5 Department of Environmental Quality and obtain administrative  
6 assistance from the Department, as required.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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