

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1147

By: Dugger of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Accountancy Act;  
7 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as last amended  
8 by Section 2, Chapter 327, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.  
9 2019, Section 15.2), which relates to the Oklahoma  
10 Accountancy Board; extending sunset date; providing  
11 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as  
14 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 327, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.  
15 2019, Section 15.2), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 15.2. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
17 July 1, ~~2020~~ 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
18 Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The Oklahoma  
19 Accountancy Board shall have the responsibility for administering  
20 and enforcing the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. The Oklahoma  
21 Accountancy Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, who shall  
22 have professional or practical experience in the use of accounting  
23 services and financial matters, so as to be qualified to make  
24 judgments about the qualifications and conduct of persons and firms  
subject to regulation under the Oklahoma Accountancy Act to be

1 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The number  
2 of registrant members shall not be more than six, not including a  
3 firm, who shall serve terms of five (5) years. No member who has  
4 served two successive complete terms shall be eligible for  
5 reappointment, but an appointment to fill an unexpired term shall  
6 not be considered a complete term for this purpose. The public  
7 member shall serve coterminously with the Governor appointing the  
8 public member.

9 B. One member shall be either a public accountant licensed and  
10 holding a permit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
11 Accountancy Act, or a person with professional or practical  
12 experience in the use of accounting services and financial matters  
13 and who shall have met the educational requirements to qualify as a  
14 candidate for examination for the license of public accountant as  
15 provided in subsection B of Section 15.8 of this title. A list of  
16 qualified persons shall be compiled and submitted to the Governor by  
17 the Oklahoma Society of Public Accountants, or successor  
18 organization from time to time as appointment of the Board member is  
19 required to be made. A list of three names shall be submitted for  
20 each single appointment from which the Governor may make the  
21 appointment.

22 C. Five members shall be certified public accountants holding  
23 certificates and four shall hold permits issued pursuant to the  
24 provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act, at least four of whom

1 shall have been engaged in the practice of public accounting as a  
2 certified public accountant continuously for not less than five (5)  
3 out of the last fifteen (15) years immediately preceding their  
4 appointments. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and  
5 submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Certified  
6 Public Accountants from time to time as appointments of the  
7 certified public accountant Board members are required. A list of  
8 three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from  
9 which the Governor may make the appointment.

10 D. One member shall be a public member who is not a certified  
11 public accountant or licensed public accountant. The public member  
12 shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with the  
13 Governor. The public member shall serve at the pleasure of the  
14 Governor.

15 E. Upon the expiration of the term of office, a member shall  
16 continue to serve until a qualified successor has been appointed.  
17 Confirmation by the Senate is required during the next regular  
18 session of the Oklahoma Senate for the member to continue to serve.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

20 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
22 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
23 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2020.

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