

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 223

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 624, which relates to the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners; removing certain limitation on appointees; permitting the Governor to consider certain recommendations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 624, is amended to read as follows:

Section 624. A. There is hereby re-created the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to continue until July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law.

B. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall consist of eight (8) examiners appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be lay persons. The remaining examiners shall be regularly licensed osteopathic physicians in good standing in this state who have been so engaged for a period of at least five (5) years immediately prior to their appointment. ~~The osteopathic physician examiners shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of not less than six names~~

1 ~~submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association~~  
2 ~~annually, and any present member of the Board of Examiners shall be~~  
3 ~~appointed to fill out the unexpired term.~~ All appointments made to  
4 the Board shall be for terms of seven (7) years. In the event of a  
5 vacancy brought about for any reason, the Governor shall fill the  
6 post so vacated shall be filled from a list of not less than six  
7 names submitted by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. In  
8 selecting appointees, the Governor may consider recommendations from  
9 a statewide organization representing osteopathic physicians, a  
10 state chapter of a national organization representing osteopathic  
11 physicians, or other groups or individuals in this state.

12 C. The Board shall have and use a common seal, and make and  
13 adopt all necessary rules relating to the enforcement of the  
14 provisions of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act. Each Board  
15 member shall receive the daily per diem rate for state employees.  
16 Travel expenses allowed under the State Travel Reimbursement Act  
17 shall also be provided to Board members traveling more than fifty  
18 (50) miles to the location of all regular and special Board  
19 meetings.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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