

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 253

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Board of Mental Health and
8 Substance Abuse Services; amending 43A O.S. 2011,
9 Section 2-103, which relates to composition of the
10 Board; expanding Board membership to include
11 osteopathic physicians; modifying quorum; permitting
12 osteopathic physicians to serve concurrently on State
13 Board of Osteopathic Examiners; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-103, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-103. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance
19 Abuse Services shall be composed of ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) members,
20 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
21 Senate. Each term is for a seven-year period and members may be
22 reappointed to subsequent terms. Board members shall meet the
23 following criteria:

24 1. One member, who shall be a physician licensed to practice in
this state, and one member, who shall be a psychiatrist certified as
a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, shall

1 both be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than
2 three physicians and not less than three psychiatrists submitted to
3 the Governor by the Oklahoma State Medical Association;

4 2. Two members shall be osteopathic physicians licensed to
5 practice in this state, appointed from a list containing the names
6 of not less than six osteopathic physicians submitted to the
7 Governor by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association;

8 3. One member, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice in
9 this state and shall be appointed from a list of not less than three
10 names submitted to the Governor by the Board of Governors of the
11 Oklahoma Bar Association;

12 ~~3.~~ 4. One member, who shall be a psychologist, licensed to
13 practice in this state, who shall be appointed from a list of not
14 less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma
15 State Psychological Association;

16 ~~4.~~ 5. Three members, qualified by education and experience in
17 the area of substance abuse recovery, who shall be appointed from a
18 list of not less than ten names submitted to the Governor by a state
19 association of substance abuse recovery programs or organizations;

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21 ~~5.~~ 6. Four members who shall be citizens of this state, at
22 least one of whom shall be either a current or former consumer of
23 mental health services.

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1 B. No person shall be appointed a member of the Board who has
2 been a member of the Legislature of this state within the preceding
3 five (5) years.

4 C. The Board shall elect from among its members a chair and a
5 vice-chair. The chair may call meetings at any time.

6 D. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be held
7 at the Central Office of the Department of Mental Health and
8 Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless otherwise
9 scheduled. ~~Six~~ Seven members shall constitute a quorum at any
10 meeting, and all action may be taken by an affirmative vote of the
11 majority of the members present at any such meeting.

12 E. The action taken by the Board on any matter, or any document
13 passed by the Board, shall be considered official when such action
14 is placed in writing and signed by the chair or vice-chair.

15 F. The duties of the Board shall pertain to the care,
16 treatment, and hospitalization of persons with mental illness, or
17 alcohol- or drug-dependent persons.

18 G. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
19 Services shall be allowed their necessary travel expenses pursuant
20 to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

21 H. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
22 Services shall be allowed to serve on the State Board of Medical
23 Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic
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1 Examiners during members' terms on the Board of Mental Health and
2 Substance Abuse Services.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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