

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1516

By: Treat and Bergstrom of the
Senate

and

McCall of the House

An Act relating to the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; amending 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-103, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2019 (43A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2-103), which relates to Board meetings; decreasing number of members necessary for quorum; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-103, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2019 (43A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-103. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be composed of the following nine (9) members:

1. Five members appointed by the Governor;
2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
3. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

B. 1. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority and may be removed or replaced without cause.

2. Any member of the Board shall be prohibited from voting on any issue in which the member has a direct financial interest.

3. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be an ex officio member of the Board, but shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2020.

Brent Howard
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 2020.

Tammy West
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 13th
day of May, 20 20, at 4:36 o'clock pm M.
By: Sumer Curry

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 19th
day of May, 20 20, at 9:59 o'clock am M.

[Signature]
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 19th
day of May, 20 20, at 10:47 o'clock A M.
By: [Signature]