

1                               **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4   HOUSE BILL 2959

  By: Kendrix of the House

5   and

6   **Bergstrom** of the Senate

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9   AS INTRODUCED

10           An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
11           Section 396, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 32,  
12           O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 396), which  
             relates to the Oklahoma Funeral Board; re-creating  
             the Board; and modifying the termination date.

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

16           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, as  
17           amended by Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
18           Section 396), is amended to read as follows:

19           Section 396. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July  
20           1, ~~2024~~ 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
21           Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the  
22           statutes to the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral  
23           Directors shall be a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The  
24           Board shall consist of seven (7) persons, who shall be appointed by

1 the Governor. The term of membership of each member of the Board  
2 shall be five (5) years from the expiration of the term of the  
3 member succeeded. Any member having served as a member of the Board  
4 shall be eligible for reappointment. Provided that, a member of the  
5 Board shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and any  
6 unexpired term that a member is appointed to shall not apply to this  
7 limit. The Governor shall appoint the necessary members to the  
8 Board upon vacancies and immediately prior to the expiration of the  
9 various terms. Upon request of the Governor, appointments of a  
10 licensed embalmer and funeral director member of the Board shall be  
11 made from a list of five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma  
12 Funeral Directors Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy  
13 shall be for the unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve  
14 until a successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a  
15 member of the Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person  
16 is of good moral character and a resident of this state. Five of  
17 the members shall have been actively engaged in the practice of  
18 embalming and funeral directing in this state for not less than  
19 seven (7) consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of  
20 the person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral  
21 Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain  
22 a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on  
23 the Board. Two of the members of the Board shall be chosen from the  
24 general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed

1 and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be  
2 licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,  
3 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business  
4 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two  
5 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated  
8 02/14/2024 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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