

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 194

By: Murdock and Kirt of the  
Senate

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and

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Newton of the House

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6 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land  
7 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which  
8 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land  
9 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the  
10 advice and consent of the Senate; providing an  
11 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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12 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
13 and insert:

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15 "An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land  
16 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which  
17 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land  
18 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the  
19 advice and consent of a joint committee; providing an  
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, is

23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the  
2 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the  
3 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to  
4 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be  
5 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the  
6 Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of a  
7 joint legislative committee with membership appointed by the Speaker  
8 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro  
9 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. It shall be the duty of the  
10 Secretary to execute, under the supervision of the Commissioners of  
11 the Land Office, the provisions of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as  
12 it relates to the management of school lands and other public lands,  
13 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and all laws,  
14 regulations, and duties pertaining to the Commissioners of the Land  
15 Office and to carry into execution the will of the Commissioners of  
16 the Land Office not in conflict with any law.

17 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

18 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or  
19 university;

20 2. Have not less than five (5) years of experience in  
21 government, law or finance; and

22 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the  
23 Commissioners of the Land Office.

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1 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year  
2 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor  
3 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary  
4 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the  
5 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the  
6 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes  
7 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of  
8 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary  
9 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as  
10 provided for in this section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."  
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10 advice and consent of the Senate; providing an  
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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20 Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of the  
21 Senate. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to execute, under the  
22 supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, the provisions  
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24 school lands and other public lands, the Constitution of the State  
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17 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of  
18 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary  
19 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as  
20 provided for in this section.

21 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

22 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
8 2023.

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