

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 194

By: Murdock and Kirt of the
Senate

6 and

7 Newton of the House

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10 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land
11 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, which
12 relates to appointment of the Secretary of the Land
13 Office; requiring appointment to be subject to the
14 advice and consent of the Senate; providing for
15 termination of the Secretary upon passage of certain
16 resolution; providing an effective date; and
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1005. A. The Land Office shall be administered by the
22 Secretary of the Land Office under the supervision of the
23 Commissioners of the Land Office. The Secretary shall, subject to
24 the qualifications listed in subsection B of this section, be
appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
Commissioners of the Land Office and the advice and consent of the

1 Senate. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to execute, under the
2 supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, the provisions
3 of the Enabling Act of Oklahoma as it relates to the management of
4 school lands and other public lands, the Constitution of the State
5 of Oklahoma, and all laws, regulations, and duties pertaining to the
6 Commissioners of the Land Office and to carry into execution the
7 will of the Commissioners of the Land Office not in conflict with
8 any law.

9 B. The Secretary of the Land Office shall:

10 1. Possess an advanced degree from an accredited college or
11 university;

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

14 3. Meet other specific requirements as specified by the
15 Commissioners of the Land Office.

16 C. The Secretary of the Land Office shall serve a four-year
17 term of service concurrent with the term of the appointing Governor
18 and the other elected officials on the Commission. The Secretary
19 may serve consecutive terms and may serve past the term of the
20 appointing Governor only until a successor is appointed. If the
21 appointment is terminated or if the Secretary resigns, becomes
22 incapacitated or for any reason is unable to perform the duties of
23 the Secretary, the Commissioners may appoint an acting Secretary
24 until a replacement may be appointed to complete the term as

1 provided for in this section. The Secretary shall be terminated
2 upon the passage of a concurrent resolution, if the resolution
3 receives the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the
4 House of Representatives and two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of
5 the Senate.

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

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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