

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   HOUSE BILL 2387

By: Eaves and **Hill** of the House  
and

**Hines** of the Senate

8                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   An Act relating to the Department of Rehabilitation  
10                  Services; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 166.2, which  
relates to Commission of Rehabilitation Services,  
creation, and members; increasing the number of  
members; and providing an effective date.

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

13                  SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       74 O.S. 2021, Section 166.2, is  
14                  amended to read as follows:

15                  Section 166.2. A. Effective July 1, 1993, there is hereby  
16                  created the Commission for Rehabilitation Services, an agency of the  
17                  State of Oklahoma, a body corporate and politic, with powers of  
18                  government and with the authority to exercise the rights, privileges  
19                  and functions as herein specified, with its lawful operations deemed  
20                  to be an essential governmental function of the State of Oklahoma  
21                  with all the attributes thereof.

22                  B. The Commission shall appoint and remove the Director of the  
23                  Department of Rehabilitation Services, approve programs, policy and

1 budget, and perform the necessary functions of a governing board for  
2 the State Department of Rehabilitation Services.

3 C. 1. The Commission shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ seven (7)  
4 members, to be appointed by ~~June 15, 1993~~, as follows:

- 5 a. ~~one member~~ two members shall be appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate ~~for~~  
7 ~~a three-year term~~,
- 8 b. ~~one member~~ two members shall be appointed by the  
9 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives ~~for a~~  
10 ~~three-year term~~, and
- 11 c. ~~one member~~ three members shall be appointed by the  
12 Governor ~~for a three-year term~~.

13 2. ~~Thereafter, beginning with the expiration of the terms of~~  
14 ~~the three members initially appointed, the Commission shall consist~~  
15 ~~of three (3) members, appointed as follows:~~

- 16 a. ~~one member shall be appointed by the President Pro~~  
17 ~~Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and shall serve a~~  
18 ~~term of one (1) year,~~
- 19 b. ~~one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the~~  
20 ~~Oklahoma House of Representatives and shall serve a~~  
21 ~~term of two (2) years, and~~
- 22 c. ~~one member shall be appointed by the Governor and~~  
23 ~~shall serve a term of three (3) years Except as~~  
24 ~~otherwise provided by this subsection, members shall~~

1           be appointed for terms of three (3) years. Each term  
2           shall begin on July 1 of the respective year and end  
3           on June 30 three (3) years later.

4           3. The current appointee of the Speaker of the House of  
5           Representatives shall serve until June 30, 2025. The current  
6           appointee of the Governor shall serve until June 30, 2026. The  
7           current appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall  
8           serve until June 30, 2027.

9           4. For the purpose of expanding the Commission to seven (7)  
10          members, the following additional members shall be appointed:

- 11           a. one member shall be appointed by the President Pro  
12           Tempore of the Senate for a term beginning on July 1,  
13           2025 and ending on June 30, 2027,
- 14           b. two members shall be appointed by the Governor, each  
15           for a term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on  
16           June 30, 2026, and
- 17           c. one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
18           House of Representatives for a term beginning on July  
19           1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028, in addition to  
20           the member the Speaker shall appoint to fill the seat  
21           of the current member whose term expires on June 30,  
22           2025.

23           3. 5. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term, or termination  
24          of the member's service for any reason, the original appointing

1 authority shall appoint a successor for a term of three (3) years,  
2 or for the remainder of an unexpired term.

3       D. Members of the Commission shall be knowledgeable of and have  
4 concern for rehabilitation issues and disability issues; provided,  
5 that such requirement shall not exclude participation of lay persons  
6 as Commission members. All members shall be residents of the state  
7 and qualified electors at the time of their appointment. Before  
8 entering upon the duties of their office, members of the Commission  
9 shall take the Constitutional oath of office and the same shall be  
10 filed with the Secretary of State. A member of the Commission may  
11 be reappointed to succeed himself or herself. Commission members  
12 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance  
13 of their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14       E. The original appointing authority may remove any  
15 commissioner for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty, after  
16 giving such commissioner a written statement of charges, and  
17 opportunity for a hearing.

18       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/25/2025 - DO PASS,  
As Coauthored.  
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