

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1179

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Oklahoma historical societies;
stating purpose of establishment of the Washita
Battlefield as a national historic site; giving
legislative approval to the Oklahoma Historical
Society for acquisition of certain property;
authorizing acquisition of such property by the
United States; providing for transfer of such
property and stating purpose; providing for
codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4.12 of Title 53, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The purpose of this act is to complete the establishment of the
Washita Battlefield, on which an engagement between Plains Tribes
and the United States Army occurred on November 27, 1868, as a
national historic site in Oklahoma to be operated by the United
States for the preservation and interpretation of a significant
event in the nation's history.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4.13 of Title 53, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.9 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes, legislative approval is hereby given for the Oklahoma Historical Society to acquire up to, but not more than, three hundred-fifty (350) acres of real property and any improvements located thereon northwest of Cheyenne, Oklahoma in Roger Mills County which comprise the site known as the Battle of the Washita. In making such acquisition the Oklahoma Historical Society shall utilize state appropriated funds in conjunction with any resources from private entities which may be available for this purpose. The acquisition shall be for the purpose of subsequent transfer of the property to the United States for operation as a national historic site.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4.14 of Title 53, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 1 of Title 80 of the Oklahoma Statutes, legislative consent is hereby given for acquisition by the United States of title to all property northwest of Cheyenne, Oklahoma in Roger Mills County comprising the site known as the Battle of the Washita that may be owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Oklahoma Historical Society is authorized to transfer title to the historic property without remuneration to the United States for its operation as a national historic site in the accordance with the provisions of H.R. 4236 enacted by the 104th Congress of the United States. The transfer shall be effected notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.2 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 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.

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