

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2185

By: Adair and Adkins of the  
House

and

Easley and Rozell of the  
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state emblems; declaring the dance "Oklahoma Two Step" and the accompanying song "Oklahoma Two Step Faded Love" the official dance of the state; providing for the official depository of the dance and accompanying song; requiring copies to be maintained in the depository; providing for the steps of the official state dance and the words of the accompanying song; providing for codification; and declaring an effective date.

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 98.6 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The official dance and accompanying song of the State of Oklahoma is hereby declared to be the dance the "Oklahoma Two Step" performed with the song "Oklahoma Two Step Faded Love" composed and

written by Marjorie Fain and featured in the film "Oklahoma Faded Love" produced and written by John Penn.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 98.7 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Library, maintained by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, shall be the official depository of the official state dance and accompanying song, and the State Librarian shall cause a videotape copy of the film "Oklahoma Faded Love" featuring the dance and a copy of the song to be kept in the State Library.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 98.8 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The steps of the official state dance are those featured in the film "Oklahoma Faded Love" as performed with the song "Oklahoma Two Step Faded Love", the words of which are:

"I'm a long long way from Tulsa, so lonesome, so blue. I've been travelin' these old highways long enough. When I hear them fiddles playin' hold me close and lead me through. It's an Oklahoma two-step faded love.

Texas has a shuffle, Missouri has a waltz. Every state has a step that their proud of. When I hear them fiddles playin' it's like a dream comin' true. It's an Oklahoma two-step faded love.

When the whippoorwills are callin', I can tell their lonesome too. Like me they need and want someone to love. When I hear them fiddles playin', hold me close, close to you, It's an Oklahoma two-step faded love.

It's an Oklahoma two-step faded love."

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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