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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2468

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memorial park - Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation  
Memorial Design Committee - Tulsa Race Riot  
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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 8203 of Title 74, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission, created in Section 8201  
of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is hereby re-created to  
continue until such time as the Commission completes a written  
report of its findings and recommendations and submits the report to  
the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President  
Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Mayor and each member of the City  
Council of the City of Tulsa.

B. The Commission shall submit a status report every thirty  
(30) days, beginning after the effective date of this act until the  
final report has been submitted as provided for in this section.  
The status reports shall be filed with the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

C. The Commission may enter into agreements with other public  
or private entities relating to the publication of the written  
report. Any proceeds received related to the publication of the

report shall be deposited in the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Revolving Fund created in Section 4 of this act.

D. The Commission shall be composed of the same members that were serving on the Commission as of February 1, 2000. The Commission shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 8201 and 8202 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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:

A. The following described land owned by Oklahoma State University, all appurtenances and all personal property attached thereto, are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Oklahoma Historical Society shall have the same powers and duties with respect to the land as were previously performed by Oklahoma State University and shall assume the performance of all existing obligations relating to the operation and maintenance of the park. The land shall include:

B. The land transferred pursuant to subsection A of this section to the Oklahoma Historical Society shall be held and used by the Society as a reconciliation memorial park for victims of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot.

C. The Oklahoma Historical Society shall take all necessary action to exhume the remains of identified victims of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot and to erect a reconciliation memorial in the park established for such purposes pursuant to this section. The reconciliation memorial shall be erected as provided for in Section 3 of this act.

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:

A. There is hereby created the "1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial Design Committee". The purpose of the

Committee is to develop the design of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial and to assist the Oklahoma Historical Society in the construction of the Reconciliation Memorial. The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members as follows:

1. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3. One member appointed by the Governor;

4. The Chair of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission or a designee;

5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society or designee;

6. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department or designee;

7. The Mayor of the City of Tulsa or designee;

8. One member representing Tulsa County selected by the County Commissioners of Tulsa County; and

9. Two members selected by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa who must be residents in the area of the ward or equivalent political subdivision for the Tulsa City Council known as "Greenwood", also historically identified as "Black Wall Street of America".

B. The Committee shall hold its initial meeting no later than September 1, 2000, at which time a chair and vice-chair shall be elected from its membership. Meetings of the Committee shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

C. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their

duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the legislative body which they serve;

2. Nonlegislative state agency members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their own agencies as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Other members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by the Oklahoma Historical Society as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate. The Oklahoma Historical Society shall provide assistance to the Committee as is necessary.

E. Duties of the Committee shall be to:

1. Develop criteria for the design and construction of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial;

2. Gather public input on the design and construction of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial; and

3. Provide oversight and advise the Oklahoma Historical Society during the construction of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial.

F. The Committee shall develop and implement a competition for the design of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial. The Committee shall solicit designs from appropriate persons or entities. The Committee shall select three of the submitted designs as finalists which shall be presented to the public for input. After public input on the submitted designs, the Committee shall select the one design which is the most appropriate for the observance of the victims and loss incurred in the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot.

SECTION 4. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Historical Society to be designated the "1921 Tulsa Race Riot Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a

continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Historical Society from appropriations, revenue received relating to the publication of written report of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission, gifts, donations, private, state, or federal grants, or any other monies received by the Oklahoma Historical Society. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Historical Society for the purpose of paying for expenses associated with finalizing and publishing the written report of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission and expenses incurred by the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Reconciliation Memorial Design Committee in developing criteria for, selecting the design of, and providing oversight for the construction of the reconciliation memorial. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 5. 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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