

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2592

By: Bryant of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

An Act relating to Oklahoma Historical Societies and Associations; amending 53 O.S. 1991, Section 1.3, which relates to duties of the Oklahoma Historical Society; adding certain duty relating to military history; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 53 O.S. 1991, Section 1.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1.3 It shall be the duty of the Society to:

1. Collect, purchase, catalog, store, preserve, conserve and maintain books, maps, photographs, newspapers, records, reports, manuscripts, charts, paintings, three-dimensional artifacts and other materials germane to the history of Oklahoma, the Indian and the West;

2. Gather and utilize collected materials to create interpretive exhibits illustrative of the history of Oklahoma, the United States and the world in the State Museum of History and at other assigned museums and historic sites to be open to the public without fee except as otherwise provided by law;

3. Prepare and publish materials relative to the history of the State of Oklahoma. Such materials may be offered for sale at a reasonable cost to the public at museums and historic sites operated by the Society;

4. Prepare and publish matters relating to the Society's transactions and research as may be useful to its membership and the public. Such publications shall include an annual report of its collections;

5. Develop an oral history program for the State of Oklahoma designed to promote the preservation and utilization of oral history within the state concerning significant elements of the social, political, economic, cultural, educational, ethnic and military history of the geographical area now known as the State of Oklahoma; transcribe, index, catalog and maintain the results of these interviews to make them readily available to the public and historical researchers; ~~and~~

6. Develop an educational program for the purpose of making available to schools and the public information pertaining to the history of Oklahoma through the utilization of collections and properties held by the Society. Reasonable charges may be made for the dissemination of any such facts or information; and

7. Work with the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission to prepare a master report for the Governor and Legislature on promotion, enhancement and preservation of the military history of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 13th day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate