

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2468

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to historical entities; recreating the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission; providing for membership and authorization; providing for the transfer of certain land from Oklahoma State University to the Oklahoma Historical Society; stating duties of the Society relating to the land; directing the Society to establish a memorial park for the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot on the land; directing the Society to take certain action; 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 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 recreated 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 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 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 unidentified victims of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot and to rebury the remains and erect a memorial in the park established for such purposes pursuant to this section.

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.

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