STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1482 By: Banz

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An Act relating to state government; creating the War on Terror Memorial Design Committee; providing purpose; providing for membership; requiring meetings to be subject to certain laws; providing for reimbursement; providing duties of the Committee; providing for codification; and providing 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 8401 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows and wherever it appears:

A. There is hereby created the War on Terror Memorial Design Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall be to recommend the design of the Memorial and to provide oversight and advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society in the site selection, construction, and funding sources of the memorial. Any monies appropriated by the Legislature necessary for the construction and design of the memorial shall be set at an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50.000.00).

B. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:

1. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3. Two members appointed by the Governor;

4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;

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

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

7. The President of the Oklahoma Veterans Council, or a designee; and

8. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council or a designee.

C. The members shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair from among the membership. Meetings of the Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

D. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service on the committee, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Nonlegislative state agency members of the Design Committee shall be reimbursed by their agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Other members of the Design Committee shall be reimbursed by the Oklahoma Historical Society pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

F. The duties of the Committee shall be to:

1. Develop criteria for and solicit public comment and input on the development and design of Memorial;

2. Develop and implement criteria for design competition which shall include, but not be limited to, solicitation of designs from appropriate persons or entities. The Committee shall select three designs as finalists from among the designs submitted through the competition and shall present the selected designs to the public for comment and input. The Committee shall give due consideration to the comments received from the public in choosing the design that, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee members, is most appropriate to commemorate the lives of the soldiers that served and honor the survivors of the War on Terror;

3. From the three finalists, select the design winner and an alternate whose designs shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society; and

4. Provide oversight and advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society during the site selection, design, and construction of the Memorial.

G. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall be responsible for awarding all contracts related to the construction of the memorial. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee, may elect to use the alternate design or recommend the reopening of the award process if the winning design construction exceeds the anticipated budget for the memorial.

H. Upon completion of the Memorial, The Department of Central Services shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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