

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2125

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8 An Act relating to state government; amending Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L.
9 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 8403), which relates to the African-American
10 Centennial Plaza Design Committee; changing name of the Committee and
11 Plaza; modifying requirement for securing non-state-appropriated funds for the
12 Plaza; modifying membership and officer appointments; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008,
16 Section 8403), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 8403. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma African-American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage
18 Plaza Design Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall be to recommend the design of the
19 Oklahoma African-American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage Plaza and to provide oversight and advice to the
20 Oklahoma Historical Society in the design, construction, and funding sources of the Plaza which shall
21 be located in the median of Lincoln Boulevard between 18th Street and the State Capitol Building;
22 ~~provided, however, such construction.~~ Construction shall begin only when the total amount of non-
23 state-appropriated funds necessary to complete the Plaza has been raised or secured. Should the total
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1 amount of non-state-appropriated funds not be raised or secured ~~within two (2) years after the effective~~
2 ~~date of this act~~ by November 1, 2014, the site referred to in this section shall no longer be reserved for
3 the Plaza.

4 B. The Committee shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ twelve (12) members as follows:

5 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or a designee;

6 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or a designee;

7 3. The Governor, or a designee;

8 4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;

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

10 6. The Director of the Department of Central Services, or a designee; ~~and~~

11 7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, or a designee;

12 8. Four members appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society who
13 represent the African-American community and have been active in African-American issues in the
14 state; and

15 9. The chair of the International Relations and Tourism Committee of the House of
16 Representatives, or a designee.

17 C. ~~The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
18 Committee shall annually ~~appoint~~ elect a chair and a vice-chair, ~~respectively~~, from among the
19 membership. The Committee may elect other officers as deemed necessary. Meetings of the
20 Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma
21 Open Records Act.

22 D. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service on the
23 Committee, but may receive travel reimbursement as follows:
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1 1. Legislative members of the Committee may be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title
3 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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

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

8 E. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staffs of the:

9 1. Oklahoma Historical Society;

10 2. Oklahoma State Senate; and

11 3. Oklahoma House of Representatives.

12 F. The duties of the Committee shall be to:

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

15 2. Develop and implement criteria for a design competition which shall include, but not be
16 limited to, solicitation of designs from appropriate persons or entities, and incorporation of any work
17 that may already have been initiated on the design of the Plaza. The Committee shall select three
18 designs as finalists from among the designs submitted through the competition and shall present the
19 selected designs to the public for comment and input. The Committee shall give due consideration
20 to the comments received from the public in choosing the design that, in the opinion of a majority of
21 the Committee members, is most appropriate to commemorate the unique history and contributions
22 of African Americans in Oklahoma;

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

3 4. Provide oversight and advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society during the design and
4 construction of the Plaza.

5 G. The Director of the Department of Central Services shall be responsible for awarding all
6 contracts related to the construction of the Plaza. The Director, in consultation with the Committee,
7 may elect to use the alternate design or recommend the reopening of the award process if the
8 winning design construction exceeds the anticipated budget for the Plaza.

9 H. Upon completion of the Plaza, the Department of Central Services shall be responsible for
10 the maintenance and upkeep of the Plaza.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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