

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2125

By: Shelton and Pittman of the  
House

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4 Johnson (Constance) of the  
5 Senate

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

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L.  
18 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 8403), is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 Section 8403. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma African-  
21 American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage Plaza Design Committee. The purpose of  
22 the Committee shall be to recommend the design of the Oklahoma  
23 African-American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage Plaza and to provide oversight  
24 and advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society in the design,  
construction, and funding sources of the Plaza which shall be

1 located in the median of Lincoln Boulevard between 18th Street and  
2 the State Capitol Building; ~~provided, however, such construction.~~  
3 Construction shall begin only when the total amount of non-state-  
4 appropriated funds necessary to complete the Plaza has been raised  
5 or secured. Should the total amount of non-state-appropriated funds  
6 not be raised or secured ~~within two (2) years after the effective~~  
7 ~~date of this act~~ by November 1, 2014, the site referred to in this  
8 section shall no longer be reserved for the Plaza.

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

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

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

14 3. The Governor, or a designee;

15 4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;

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

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

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

22 8. Four members appointed by the Executive Director of the  
23 Oklahoma Historical Society who represent the African-American

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1 community and have been active in African-American issues in the  
2 state; and

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

5 C. ~~The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of~~  
6 ~~the House of Representatives~~ Committee shall annually ~~appoint~~ elect  
7 a chair and a vice-chair, ~~respectively,~~ from among the membership.

8 The Committee may elect other officers as deemed necessary.

9 Meetings of the Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the  
10 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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

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

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

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

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

- 3 1. Oklahoma Historical Society;
- 4 2. Oklahoma State Senate; and
- 5 3. Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

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

9 2. Develop and implement criteria for a design competition  
10 which shall include, but not be limited to, solicitation of designs  
11 from appropriate persons or entities, and incorporation of any work  
12 that may already have been initiated on the design of the Plaza.

13 The Committee shall select three designs as finalists from among  
14 the designs submitted through the competition and shall present the  
15 selected designs to the public for comment and input. The  
16 Committee shall give due consideration to the comments received  
17 from the public in choosing the design that, in the opinion of a  
18 majority of the Committee members, is most appropriate to  
19 commemorate the unique history and contributions of African  
20 Americans in Oklahoma;

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

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

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

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

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

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2009.

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17 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

18 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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