

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1137

By: Coffee of the Senate

and

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7 [ state government - Oklahoma American Civil War  
8 Sesquicentennial Commission - Oklahoma American  
9 Civil War Sesquicentennial Revolving Fund -  
10 codification -

11 effective date ]  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 400 of Title 53, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is  
18 hereby created to assist the Oklahoma Historical Society and the  
19 Oklahoma History Center in preparing for and commemorating the  
20 sesquicentennial of Oklahoma's participation in the American Civil  
21 War.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 401 of Title 53, unless there is  
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission  
2 shall have the following powers and duties:

3 1. Promote a suitable statewide observance of the  
4 sesquicentennial of the American Civil War which is also referred to  
5 as the War Between the States;

6 2. Cooperate and assist national, state, and local  
7 organizations with programs and activities suitable for the  
8 sesquicentennial observance;

9 3. Assist in ensuring that any observance of the  
10 sesquicentennial of the American Civil War is inclusive and  
11 appropriately recognizes the experiences and points of views of all  
12 people affected by the American Civil War; and

13 4. Provide assistance for the development of programs,  
14 projects, and activities on the American Civil War that have lasting  
15 educational value.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 402 of Title 53, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission  
20 shall consist of twelve (12) members as follows:

21 1. Four members appointed by the Governor;

22 2. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
23 Senate; and

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1           3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives.

3           B. There is hereby created an advisory council to the  
4 Commission to be composed of:

5           a. the Director of the Oklahoma History Center or  
6           designee,

7           b. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and  
8           Recreation Department or designee,

9           c. the President of the Oklahoma Historical Society or  
10          designee,

11          d. the Director of the Native American Cultural and  
12          Educational Authority of Oklahoma or designee,

13          e. the President of the Oklahoma County Civil War  
14          Roundtable or designee,

15          f. the President of the Tulsa County Civil War Roundtable  
16          or designee,

17          g. the Superintendent of the Honey Springs Battlefield or  
18          designee,

19          h. the Curator of the Confederate Memorial Hall or  
20          designee, and

21          i. the Curator of the Union Memorial Hall, or designee.

22          C. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of  
23 the appointing authority.

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1 D. The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among  
2 its membership.

3 E. A quorum of the Commission shall be required in order for  
4 any final action of the Commission.

5 F. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for  
6 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

11 2. Nonlegislative members of the Commission shall be reimbursed  
12 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
13 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 G. The Oklahoma Historical Society shall provide staff support  
15 to the Commission.

16 H. The Commission shall submit to the Legislature an annual  
17 report, including any legislative findings to the President Pro  
18 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
19 and the Governor by January 1 of each year.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 403 of Title 53, unless there is  
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
24 for the Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to

1 be designated the "Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial  
2 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
3 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received  
4 by the Commission from appropriated funds from the Legislature. All  
5 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
6 and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for the purpose  
7 of any expense relating to any authorized activity of the  
8 Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
9 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
10 law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

11 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

12 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2009.

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15 Presiding Officer of the Senate

16 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
17 2009.

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