

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2230

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2230 - By: JETT of the House.

An Act relating to state emblems; amending 25 O.S. 2001, Section 91, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 181, O.S.L. 2006 and Section 2, Chapter 181, O.S.L. 2006 (25 O.S. Supp. 2008, Sections 91 and 91a), which relate to the state flag; changing the word "Oklahoma" on the state flag; granting an exception to the duty of certain state entities to display the official state flag; requiring state agencies to utilize certain statewide contract to purchase certain flags for certain period; designating the word "OK!" as the official state abbreviation; directing certain state agencies to use certain words when replacing certain signs and markers; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2001, Section 91, as amended by Section  
2 1, Chapter 181, O.S.L. 2006 (25 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 91), is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Section 91. A. The banner, or flag, of the design prescribed by Senate Concurrent  
5 Resolution No. 25, Third Legislature of the State of Oklahoma shall be, and it hereby is  
6 superseded and replaced by the following design, to wit:

7 A sky blue field with a circular rawhide shield of an American Indian Warrior,  
8 decorated with six painted crosses on the face thereof, the lower half of the shield to be  
9 fringed with seven pendant eagle feathers and superimposed upon the face of the shield a

1 calumet or peace pipe, crossed at right angles by an olive branch, as illustrated by the  
2 design accompanying this resolution, and underneath said shield or design in white  
3 letters shall be placed the word "~~Oklahoma~~" "Oklahoma!", and the same is hereby  
4 adopted as the official flag and banner of the State of Oklahoma.

5 B. The standard design and colors in the state flag shall be as follows:

6 1. The Osage Indian warrior's circular rawhide shield of amber buckskin is center  
7 upon a field of French Blue. On the face of the shield shall be six small gold brown  
8 crosses that match the thongs lacing the edge of the shield. The vertical bar of each cross  
9 shall be twenty-five percent (25%) longer than the horizontal bar, the lower width line of  
10 which shall be placed at the fifty percent (50%) mark of the vertical bar and the top  
11 width line shall be placed at the top twenty-five percent (25%) mark of the vertical bar.  
12 The width of the horizontal bar shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the vertical bar;

13 2. The edge of the lower half of the shield shall be fringed with seven pendant eagle  
14 feathers of white tipped with gold brown;

15 3. Across the face of the shield at right angle shall be a calumet or Indian pipe of  
16 peace, which shall have a ruby red bowl, flesh stem and be decorated with a ruby red  
17 tassel at the end. Above the calumet, lying at a right angle shall be an olive branch of  
18 Dartmouth green; and

19 4. The name ~~Oklahoma~~ "Oklahoma!" in white letters shall appear under the shield  
20 on the face of the flag.

21 C. The standard colors used in production of the state flag shall be:

22 1. Pantone Matching System, Pantone Inc., latest edition:

- 1 a. field: French Blue PMS 285c,
- 2 b. shield: amber PMS 465c,
- 3 c. feathers shading: flesh and gold brown combination PMS 486c and
- 4 PMS 174c,
- 5 d. crosses and thongs: gold brown PMS 174c, and
- 6 e. calumet: stem of pipe flesh PMS 486c, body of pipe and tassel ruby red
- 7 PMS 195c, and olive branch Dartmouth green PMS 554c; and
- 8 2. Colors shall be colorfast and shall not bleed one into another.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 181, O.S.L. 2006 (25 O.S.

10 Supp. 2008, Section 91a), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 91a. ~~¶~~ A. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection B of this section,  
 12 it shall be the duty of all state agencies and boards of education of this state to display  
 13 the state flag with the standard design and colors as specified in Section 91 of Title 25 of  
 14 the Oklahoma Statutes this title.

15 B. Upon enactment of the change in the official flag and banner of the State of  
 16 Oklahoma as provided for in this act, state agencies and boards of education of this state  
 17 may continue to display flags with the design adopted as the official state flag and  
 18 banner prior to the effective date of this act until the normal replacement cycle or until  
 19 that flag is replaced because of damage or wear, at which time the state agency or board  
 20 of education shall replace that flag with the official state flag and banner as specified in  
 21 Section 91 of this title.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1           C. State agencies shall continue to utilize the current mandatory statewide  
2 contract in place for state agencies and purchase flags with the design adopted as the  
3 official state flag and banner prior to the effective date of this act until the inventory of  
4 such flags from the primary vendor of the statewide contract is depleted.

5           SECTION 3.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma  
6 Statutes as Section 98.16 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,  
7 reads as follows:

8           The word “OK!” is hereby designated and adopted as the official state abbreviation  
9 of the word “Oklahoma”.

10          SECTION 4.   NEW LAW   A new section of law not to be codified in the  
11 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

12          The Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, the  
13 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, and any other state agency, board, or  
14 commission which erects signs along roads and highways for directional, tourism, or  
15 recreational purposes, when replacing any sign or marker or erecting a new sign or  
16 marker after the effective date of this act with the word “Oklahoma” or the letters “OK”,  
17 shall use a sign or marker with the word “*Oklahoma!*” or the letters and symbol “OK!”.

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

19          COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND  
20 TOURISM, dated 02-25-09 - DO PASS, As Amended.