

ESB 1137

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ENGROSSED

Senate Bill No. 1137

As Amended

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1137 - By: COFFEE of the Senate and BANZ of the House.

(state government - Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial
Commission - Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Revolving
Fund - codification –
effective date)

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

4 The Oklahoma American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is hereby created
5 to assist the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma History Center in preparing
6 for and commemorating the sesquicentennial of Oklahoma's participation in the
7 American Civil War.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 1. Four members appointed by the Governor;

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

19 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

22 a. the Director of the Oklahoma History Center or designee,

- 1 b. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
2 Department or designee,
3 c. the President of the Oklahoma Historical Society or designee,
4 d. the Director of the Native American Cultural and Educational
5 Authority of Oklahoma or designee,
6 e. the President of the Oklahoma County Civil War Roundtable or
7 designee,
8 f. the President of the Tulsa County Civil War Roundtable or designee,
9 g. the Superintendent of the Honey Springs Battlefield or designee,
10 h. the Curator of the Confederate Memorial Hall or designee, and
11 i. the Curator of the Union Memorial Hall, or designee.

12 C. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
13 authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma
12 American Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to be designated the “Oklahoma
13 American Civil War Sesquicentennial Revolving Fund”. The fund shall be a continuing
14 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
15 Commission from appropriated funds from the Legislature. All monies accruing to the
16 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
17 Commission for the purpose of any expense relating to any authorized activity of the
18 Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
19 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State
20 Finance for approval and payment.

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

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
2 dated 04-09-09 - DO PASS, As Amended.