

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3174

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending Section
8 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2009,
9 Section 8403), which relates to the African-American
10 Centennial Plaza Design Committee; changing name of
11 the Committee and Plaza; modifying requirement for
12 securing non-state-appropriated funds for the Plaza;
13 modifying membership and officer appointments; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L.
17 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 8403), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 8403. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma African-
20 American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage Plaza Design Committee. The purpose of
21 the Committee shall be to recommend the design of the Oklahoma
22 African-American ~~Centennial~~ Heritage Plaza and to provide oversight
23 and advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society in the design,
24 construction, and funding sources of the Plaza which shall be
located in the median of Lincoln Boulevard between 18th Street and

1 the State Capitol Building; ~~provided, however, such construction.~~
2 Construction shall begin only when the total amount of non-state-
3 appropriated funds necessary to complete the Plaza has been raised
4 or secured. Should the total amount of non-state-appropriated funds
5 not be raised or secured ~~within two (2) years after the effective~~
6 ~~date of this act~~ by November 1, 2015, the site referred to in this
7 section shall no longer be reserved for the Plaza.

8 B. The Committee shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ thirteen (13)
9 members as follows:

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

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

13 3. The Governor, or a designee;

14 4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;

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

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

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

21 8. Four members appointed by the Executive Director of the
22 Oklahoma Historical Society who represent the African-American
23 community and have been active in African-American issues in the
24 state;

1 9. The chair of the International Relations and Tourism
2 Committee of the House of Representatives, or a designee; and

3 10. The chair of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee of the
4 State Senate, 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, 2010.

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