

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 752

By: Johnson (Constance)

4
5
6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending Section
8 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008,
9 Section 8403), which relates to the African-American
Centennial Plaza Design Committee; modifying certain
requirement; and declaring an emergency.

10
11
12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L.
14 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 8403), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 8403. A. There is hereby created the African-American
17 Centennial Plaza Design Committee. The purpose of the Committee
18 shall be to recommend the design of the African-American Centennial
19 Plaza and to provide oversight and advice to the Oklahoma Historical
20 Society in the design, construction, and funding sources of the
21 Plaza which shall be located in the median of Lincoln Boulevard
22 between 18th Street and the State Capitol Building; ~~provided,~~
23 ~~however, such construction shall begin only when the total amount of~~
24 ~~non state appropriated funds necessary to complete the Plaza has~~

1 ~~been raised or secured. Should the total amount of non-state-~~
2 ~~appropriated funds not be raised or secured within two (2) years~~
3 ~~after the effective date of this act, the site referred to in this~~
4 ~~section shall no longer be reserved for the Plaza.~~

5 B. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members as
6 follows:

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

8 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or a
9 designee;

10 3. The Governor, or a designee;

11 4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;

12 5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical
13 Society, or a designee;

14 6. The Director of the Department of Central Services, or a
15 designee; and

16 7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, or a
17 designee.

18 C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
19 the House of Representatives shall annually appoint a chair and a
20 vice-chair, respectively, from among the membership. The Committee
21 may elect other officers as deemed necessary. Meetings of the
22 Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open
23 Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

24

1 D. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for
2 their service on the Committee, but may receive travel reimbursement
3 as follows:

4 1. Legislative members of the Committee may be reimbursed for
5 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
6 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
7 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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

11 3. Other members of the Committee may be reimbursed by the
12 Oklahoma Historical Society pursuant to the provisions of the State
13 Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 E. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staffs
15 of the:

16 1. Oklahoma Historical Society;

17 2. Oklahoma State Senate; and

18 3. Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

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

22 2. Develop and implement criteria for a design competition
23 which shall include, but not be limited to, solicitation of designs
24 from appropriate persons or entities, and incorporation of any work

1 that may already have been initiated on the design of the Plaza.
2 The Committee shall select three designs as finalists from among
3 the designs submitted through the competition and shall present the
4 selected designs to the public for comment and input. The
5 Committee shall give due consideration to the comments received
6 from the public in choosing the design that, in the opinion of a
7 majority of the Committee members, is most appropriate to
8 commemorate the unique history and contributions of African
9 Americans in Oklahoma;

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

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

15 G. The Director of the Department of Central Services shall be
16 responsible for awarding all contracts related to the construction
17 of the Plaza. The Director, in consultation with the Committee,
18 may elect to use the alternate design or recommend the reopening of
19 the award process if the winning design construction exceeds the
20 anticipated budget for the Plaza.

21 H. Upon completion of the Plaza, the Department of Central
22 Services shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the
23 Plaza.

24

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5

6 52-1-1584 JT 3/6/2009 6:34:05 AM

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24