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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 2563

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Shoemake, Roan, Fourkiller
and Walker of the House

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7 Brecheen of the Senate

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10 [state-tribal relations - Oklahoma Native American
11 Liaison - emergency]

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1207, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1207. A. The State of Oklahoma recognizes the status
18 of the federally recognized tribal governments residing in the
19 geographical boundaries of the state as sovereign nations and the
20 state recognizes the need for further cooperation between the state
21 and the tribes and their citizens and the importance of the
22 government-to-government relationship between the state and the
23 tribes.

1 B. There is hereby created the position of Oklahoma Native
2 American Liaison who shall be appointed by the Governor. The
3 Oklahoma Native American Liaison may also serve as the Secretary of
4 Native American Affairs or a successor cabinet position and shall
5 have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to Native
6 American issues and state and tribal relations. The first Oklahoma
7 Native American Liaison shall be appointed no later than December 1,
8 2011.

9 C. Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native
10 American Liaison shall be ~~an American Indian of at least one-fourth~~
11 ~~(1/4) blood~~ a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and
12 shall have valid proof of membership.

13 ~~D.~~ The salary and any other expenses for the Oklahoma Native
14 American Liaison shall be budgeted as a separate line item through
15 the Governor. The Governor shall provide adequate office space,
16 equipment and support necessary to enable the Oklahoma Native
17 American Liaison to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the
18 position.

19 ~~E.~~ D. The Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall:

20 1. Have the powers and duties over Native American issues and
21 state and tribal relation areas designated to the position by the
22 Governor;

23 2. Be the designee of the Governor to negotiate cooperative
24 agreements on behalf of the state with federally recognized Indian

1 Tribal Governments within this state as set forth in Section 1221 of
2 ~~Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title;

3 3. Monitor all compacts, including gaming, tobacco, and motor
4 vehicle fuel compacts, entered into by the state and political
5 subdivisions with federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments
6 within this state;

7 4. Coordinate with the Office of Tribal Relations within the
8 Oklahoma Historical Society on the gathering, preserving and
9 maintaining of all compacts and agreements between Indian Tribal
10 Governments and the state and political subdivisions and all related
11 records, documents and materials;

12 5. Oversee state agency consultation policies with tribal
13 governments;

14 6. Monitor the interactions of state agencies with tribal
15 governments;

16 7. Ensure coordination, consultation and cooperation between
17 tribes and state agencies for any activities of the state agency
18 that will directly affect tribal governments or their property;

19 8. Advise tribes about ongoing or proposed state programs that
20 will affect tribal governments or their property;

21 9. Cooperate with tribal governments to determine priorities of
22 interest for possible cooperation between the various agencies and
23 the tribal governments;

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1 10. Advise tribes on funding opportunities through partnerships
2 with state agencies to address locally determined priorities of
3 interest agreed to by both the state and tribal governments;

4 11. Ensure continuing outreach to tribes and shall establish and
5 maintain relationships with tribes and tribal organizations; and

6 12. Make an annual report on the interaction between the state
7 and state agencies and tribal governments and shall submit the
8 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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