STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

SENATE BILL 1400 By: Brinkley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery; providing for the awarding of the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery; requiring certain proof; specifying eligibility for the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery; creating certain nominating committee; directing certain concurrent resolution; specifying certain time; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 466 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery shall be awarded to a member of any branch of a state, county, municipal, school or tribal law enforcement agency, firefighter unit, or other emergency responder unit who has voluntarily performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice involving risk of life that is so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the person for gallantry and intrepidity above the person's peers.

B. The Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery shall only be awarded upon incontestable proof of performance of the deed.

C. To be eligible for the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery, a person shall:

1. Be employed by any state, county, municipal, school, or tribal law enforcement agency, firefighter unit, or other emergency responder unit in this state and have acted while either on or off duty at the time of the act of bravery; and

2. Be nominated during a regular session of the Oklahoma Legislature by a majority vote of the members of the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery Nominating Committee, which shall consist of:

a. the Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designee,

b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee,

c. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or designee, and

d. the chair of the standing committee in the House of Representatives and the chair of the standing committee in the Senate with primary jurisdiction over public safety.

D. The Oklahoma Legislature, by concurrent resolution, may direct the Governor to award the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of

Bravery to a person nominated by the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery Nominating Committee. The committee chairs serving on the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery Nominating Committee shall jointly prepare a concurrent resolution directing the Governor to award the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery to a nominee.

E. The Oklahoma Legislature shall only direct the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery to be awarded during a regular session.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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