

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 501

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to establishment of veterans courts;
8 amending 20 O.S. 2001, Section 91.2, as amended by
9 Section 16, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp.
10 2010, Section 91.2), which relates to dockets;
11 authorizing creation of a veterans docket;
12 authorizing creation of certain court division in
13 specified districts; requiring promulgation of
14 certain rules; providing for codification; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 91.2, as
18 amended by Section 16, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp. 2010,
19 Section 91.2), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 91.2 A. To facilitate the trial and disposition of
21 cases, actions filed in the district court shall be assigned to
22 various dockets by the clerk of the court pursuant to the direction
23 and supervision of the presiding judge of the district. Until
24 changed by order of the Supreme Court, only the following dockets
are established: a civil docket, a criminal docket, a traffic
docket, a probate docket, a juvenile and family relations docket, a

1 small claims docket, ~~and~~ a business docket for business court
2 divisions of the court created pursuant to Section ~~17~~ 91.7 of this
3 ~~act~~ title, and a veterans docket for veterans court divisions of the
4 court created pursuant to Section 2 of this act.

5 B. Whenever a district court establishes a drug court program
6 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 471 through 471.11 of Title
7 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the judge having authority over the
8 program shall cause to be established a drug court docket. In those
9 cases assigned to the drug court docket, the judge shall determine
10 what information or pleadings are to be maintained in a confidential
11 case file which shall be closed to public inspection. The
12 originating criminal case file shall remain open to public
13 inspection. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the district
14 attorney, defense attorney, or the victim-witness coordinator from
15 advising any victim or other person regarding the assignment or
16 disposition of a drug court case.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 91.9 of Title 20, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Supreme Court is authorized to create a veterans court
21 division within the district court of any judicial district in this
22 state to include a system of treatment, rehabilitation, education,
23 employment and judicial monitoring for combat veterans who have
24 entered the criminal justice system.

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B. The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules for the establishment and jurisdiction of the veterans court divisions.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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