

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 623

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 8401, which relates to the War on
9 Terror Memorial Design Committee; updating reference;
10 and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 8401, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 8401. A. There is hereby created the War on Terror
15 Memorial Design Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall be to
16 recommend the design of the Memorial and to provide oversight and
17 advice to the Oklahoma Historical Society in the site selection,
18 design, construction, and funding sources of the Memorial.

19 B. The Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members as
20 follows:

21 1. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
22 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

23 2. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

- 1 3. Two members appointed by the Governor;
- 2 4. The Lieutenant Governor, or a designee;
- 3 5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society,
- 4 or a designee;
- 5 6. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and
- 6 Recreation Department, or a designee;
- 7 7. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
- 8 Services, or a designee;
- 9 8. The President of the Oklahoma Veterans Council, or a
- 10 designee; and
- 11 9. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, or a
- 12 designee.

13 C. The members shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair from
14 among the membership. Meetings of the Committee shall be subject to
15 the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma
16 Open Records Act.

17 D. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for
18 their service on the Committee, but shall receive travel
19 reimbursement as follows:

- 20 1. Legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for
21 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
22 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
23 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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1 2. Nonlegislative state agency members of the Committee shall
2 be reimbursed by their agencies pursuant to the provisions of ~~the~~
3 ~~State Travel Reimbursement Act~~ Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of
4 the Oklahoma Statutes; and

5 3. Other members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by the
6 Oklahoma Historical Society pursuant to the provisions of the State
7 Travel Reimbursement Act.

8 E. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staffs
9 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Oklahoma State Senate
10 and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

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

12 1. Develop criteria for and solicit public comment and input on
13 the development and design of the Memorial;

14 2. Develop and implement criteria for a design competition
15 which shall include, but not be limited to, solicitation of designs
16 from appropriate persons or entities. The Committee shall select
17 three designs as finalists from among the designs submitted through
18 the competition and shall present the selected designs to the public
19 for comment and input. The Committee shall give due consideration
20 to the comments received from the public in choosing the design
21 that, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee members, is most
22 appropriate to commemorate the lives of the soldiers that served and
23 honor the survivors of the War on Terror;

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

4 4. Provide oversight and advice to the Oklahoma Historical
5 Society during the site selection, design, and construction of the
6 Memorial.

7 G. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society
8 shall be responsible for awarding all contracts related to the
9 construction of the Memorial. The Executive Director, in
10 consultation with the Committee, may elect to use the alternate
11 design or recommend the reopening of the award process if the
12 winning design construction exceeds the anticipated budget for the
13 Memorial.

14 H. Upon completion of the Memorial, the Office of Management
15 and Enterprise Services shall be responsible for the maintenance and
16 upkeep of the Memorial.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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