

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 544

By: Simpson

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An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; authorizing relocation of certain veterans center; authorizing the development of a new veterans center; providing legislative intent; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 229.1 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized and directed to relocate the Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina, Oklahoma, to a new location eligible for recognition and certification by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a State Veterans' Home. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the new location be within forty (40) miles of the current location and within the city limits of a municipality having

1 at least eight thousand (8,000) in population according to the
2 latest Federal Decennial Census.

3 B. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is further
4 authorized and directed to proceed with the development of a new
5 facility to assume the operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center
6 presently located in Talihina, Oklahoma, subject to such
7 geographical constraints as may be imposed by the United States
8 Department of Veterans Affairs. It is the intent of the Oklahoma
9 Legislature that the new Veterans Center be constructed within forty
10 (40) miles of the current location and within the city limits of a
11 municipality having at least eight thousand (8,000) in population
12 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census.

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

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