

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 544

6 By: Simpson

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

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 229.1 of Title 72, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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