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February 22, 2017

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 544

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

[soldiers and sailors - certain veterans center -
codification -
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.~~

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
18 February 22, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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