

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 585

By: Dahm and Bullard of the  
Senate

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4 Roberts (Sean) of the House

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7 An Act relating to removal of officers; amending 22  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1181, which relates to causes for  
9 removal of officers; specifying circumstances  
constituting willful neglect of duty; making language  
gender neutral; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1181, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1181. Any officer not subject to impeachment elected or  
16 appointed to any state, county, township, city, town, or other  
17 office under the laws of the state may, in the manner provided in  
18 this article, be removed from office for any of the following  
19 causes:

20 First. Habitual or willful neglect of duty, which, for a state  
21 officer, shall include, but not be limited to, knowingly giving  
22 false testimony to a committee of either house of the Legislature,  
23 knowingly engaging in operations beyond the constitutional or  
24 statutory authority delegated to the agency that the officer is

1 employed by or serves, or repeatedly refusing to provide information  
2 to a committee, either house or a member of the Legislature in a  
3 timely manner. For the purposes of this section, "timely manner"  
4 means no more than fifteen (15) business days from the date the  
5 request for information was received by the agency, unless extended  
6 by written agreement.

7 Second. Gross partiality in office.

8 Third. Oppression in office.

9 Fourth. Corruption in office.

10 Fifth. Extortion or willful overcharge of fees in office.

11 Sixth. Willful maladministration.

12 Seventh. Habitual drunkenness.

13 Eighth. Failure to produce and account for all public funds and  
14 property in his or her hands, at any settlement or inspection  
15 authorized or required by law.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

1 Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2021.

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