

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 1333

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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9 An Act relating to cemeteries and graves; amending 72
10 O.S. 2021, Section 165, which relates to the Union
11 Soldiers' Home; describing parcel of real property;
12 authorizing certain real property to be transferred
13 from the Adjutant General to the Oklahoma Department
14 of Veterans Affairs under certain condition and
15 within a certain time frame; repealing 44 O.S. 2021,
16 Section 118, which relates to the Union Soldiers'
17 Home; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 165, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 165. ~~That the cemetery and graves of soldiers now~~
22 ~~buried on said property be and the same are placed~~ The veterans
23 cemetery known historically as the Union Soldiers Cemetery located
24 on the corner of Northeast 36th Street and Martin Luther King Avenue
25 in Oklahoma City shall remain under the supervision and care of the
26 Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma until such time as the

1 executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs
2 certifies to the Oklahoma Veterans Commission receipt of such funds
3 and clear title to property as are necessary to meet the standards
4 established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to
5 designate the property as a State Veterans Cemetery. The title to
6 all property, real and personal included in and with the Union
7 Soldiers Cemetery owned by the Military Department of the State of
8 Oklahoma, being a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section
9 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West of the Indian Meridian, Oklahoma
10 County, being more particularly described as: beginning at the
11 northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°30'53"
12 East, along the north line of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of
13 510.00 feet; thence South 00°13'08" East, parallel with the west
14 line of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 280.00 feet; thence
15 South 89°30'53" West, parallel with the north line of the Northwest
16 Quarter, a distance of 510.00 feet to the west line of the Northwest
17 Quarter; thence North 00°13'08" West, along the west line of the
18 Northwest Quarter, a distance of 280.00 feet to the point of
19 beginning, containing an area of 142,799 square feet or 3.2782
20 acres, more or less, shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Department
21 of Veterans Affairs within ninety (90) days after the certification
22 provided for in this section is executed by the executive director.

23 SECTION 2. REPEALER 44 O.S. 2021, Section 118, is hereby
24 repealed.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
7 dated 04/06/2022 - DO PASS.

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