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February 10, 2022

SENATE BILL NO. 1333

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. REPEALER 44 O.S. 2021, Section 118, is hereby
23 repealed.
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SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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