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February 9, 2021

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 585

By: Dahm and Bullard

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

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

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

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

First. Habitual or willful neglect of duty, which, for a state officer, shall include, but not be limited to, knowingly giving false testimony to a committee of either house of the Legislature, knowingly engaging in operations beyond the constitutional or statutory authority delegated to the agency that the officer is employed by or serves, or repeatedly refusing to provide information

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

6 Second. Gross partiality in office.

7 Third. Oppression in office.

8 Fourth. Corruption in office.

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

10 Sixth. Willful maladministration.

11 Seventh. Habitual drunkenness.

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

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
17 February 9, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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