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February 9, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. 8

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

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An Act relating to state highways; stating history and origin of the Historic Jefferson Highway Route; creating the Historic Jefferson Highway Route; providing for costs associated with signage; requiring markers contingent on funding; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The original or historical routing of State Highway 69 is part of the historic Jefferson Highway Association Route, which was one of the earliest automobile highways in the United States. The route once ran north to south from Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans, Louisiana and spanned over two thousand three hundred (2,300) miles through seven states. The entire historic route including the Oklahoma portion has recently been reidentified by the reformed Jefferson Highway Association organization.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.308 of Title 69, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 State Highway 69 from the Kansas border to the Texas border
5 shall be designated as the "Historic Jefferson Highway Route". The
6 cost associated with signage required by this section shall be
7 provided from private sources and shall include the cost of the
8 initial erection of signs as well as the cost of potential
9 replacement or reconstruction of signs. Upon receiving adequate
10 funding from private sources, the Department of Transportation shall
11 cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon the highway
12 bearing that name. The permanent markers shall be designed in
13 consultation with the Jefferson Highway Association.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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