

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 1794

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to cemeteries; requiring human bodies
8 be buried in a certain manner; authorizing governing
9 body of a political subdivision of this state to
10 permit certain burials; providing applicability;
11 providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 38 of Title 8, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The body of a human decedent that is buried shall be buried
18 in a manner where the top surface of the outermost container in
19 which the body is placed is a minimum of eighteen (18) inches below
20 the surface of the ground. If the body of a human decedent is
21 buried without a container, the depth of the grave shall be a
22 minimum of forty-eight (48) inches below the surface of the ground.

23 B. Due to subsurface soil conditions or other relevant
24 considerations, the governing body of a political subdivision of

1 this state may permit, by ordinance or rule, burials in that
2 political subdivision at a shallower depth than required by
3 subsection A of this section.

4 C. This section shall not apply to burials in sealed-surface
5 reinforced concrete burial vaults or burials on tribal grounds.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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