

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1312

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7 An Act relating to religious institutions;  
8 prohibiting requirement for certain religious  
9 entities or officiants to conduct certain services;  
10 prohibiting requirement to allow use of property  
11 under certain circumstances; prohibiting  
12 consideration of certain property as public  
13 accommodation; providing exception; providing for  
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2102 of Title 25, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. A church, religious institution or other community or  
20 assembly of faith in this state or any minister, elder, deacon or  
21 other officiant shall not be required to conduct, preside over,  
22 officiate or facilitate a service, ceremony, celebration or other  
23 gathering of which the method or purpose violates the doctrine,  
24 faith and practice of that organization or group or the method or  
25 purpose offends the religious or moral conscience of the requested  
26 officiant.

1 B. A church, religious institution or other community or  
2 assembly of faith in this state shall not be required to allow its  
3 facilities or property to be used to conduct or facilitate a  
4 service, ceremony, celebration or other gathering of which the  
5 method or purpose violates its doctrine, faith or practice or the  
6 method or purpose offends the religious or moral conscience of the  
7 congregation.

8 C. A church building, auxiliary building or other facility used  
9 by a church, religious institution or other community or assembly of  
10 faith in this state shall not be considered a public accommodation  
11 unless it regularly offers the use of the building or facility to  
12 the public on a for profit basis; provided, however, such building  
13 or facility shall not be considered a public accommodation for  
14 allowing the use of the building or facility by members of the  
15 community or community organizations for purposes which do not  
16 otherwise violate the doctrine, faith and practice of the  
17 congregation or for which the method or purpose does not offend the  
18 religious or moral conscience of the congregation.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.  
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