

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 541

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Capitol; requiring prior  
8 written sponsorship of events and exhibits to be held  
9 in certain areas; providing procedures; specifying  
10 duties of Office of Management and Enterprise  
11 Services; requiring certain notice; providing for  
12 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 20 of Title 73, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. All events, exhibits and art exhibits to be in the public  
18 areas of the State Capitol or plazas, whether for a public or  
19 private purpose, require prior written sponsorship by a member of  
20 the Legislature.

21 B. A sponsor shall submit an application for a reservation  
22 together with a check for any applicable fees to the Office of  
23 Management and Enterprise Services at least ten (10) working days  
24 but no more than six (6) months prior to the beginning date of the  
proposed event or exhibit. The application must be submitted during

1 the Office's business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday  
2 through Friday, excluding state holidays.

3 C. The application shall specify the desired date, time period,  
4 public use area and a description of the event or exhibit. The  
5 Office may request additional information as determined necessary to  
6 facilitate the reservation.

7 D. The Office may impose conditions and time limitations  
8 pursuant to its rules and state law.

9 E. If the Office denies a request for a reservation, the Office  
10 shall issue written notice to the requesting sponsor indicating the  
11 reasons for denial. Reservation requests which indicate that the  
12 sponsor may allow or encourage conduct that is violent, threatening,  
13 abusive or obscene, or that jeopardizes the safety of self or others  
14 shall not be approved by the Office.

15 F. Except as otherwise provided by its rules or by law, the  
16 Office shall issue approved reservations on a first-come, first-  
17 served basis and may limit the number of reservations in the public  
18 areas or plazas.

19 G. Reservations authorize events only in the public areas or  
20 plazas specified in the approved application. Event participants  
21 shall not block or inhibit passage through the Capitol public areas  
22 or plaza common areas, sidewalks, hallways, aisles or passageways.

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1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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