

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 544

By: Simpson and Dugger of the
Senate

3 and

4 Hardin and West (Josh) of
5 the House

6
7 [soldiers and sailors - certain veterans center -
8 codification - emergency]

9
10
11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 229.1 of Title 72, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized
16 and directed to relocate the Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina,
17 Oklahoma, to a new location eligible for recognition and
18 certification by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as
19 a State Veterans' Home. It is the intent of the Oklahoma
20 Legislature that the new location be within forty (40) miles of the
21 current location and within the city limits of a municipality having
22 at least eight thousand (8,000) in population according to the
23 latest Federal Decennial Census.

1 B. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is further
2 authorized and directed to proceed with the development of a new
3 facility to assume the operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center
4 presently located in Talihina, Oklahoma, subject to such
5 geographical constraints as may be imposed by the United States
6 Department of Veterans Affairs. It is the intent of the Oklahoma
7 Legislature that the new Veterans Center be constructed within forty
8 (40) miles of the current location and within the city limits of a
9 municipality having at least eight thousand (8,000) in population
10 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census.

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

15 Passed the Senate the 21st day of March, 2017.

16

17

Presiding Officer of the Senate

18

19 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2017.

21

22

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

23

24