

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2017

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 544

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

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9 [soldiers and sailors - certain veterans center -
10 codification - emergency]

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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 229.1 of Title 72, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
18 February 22, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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