



OFFICE OF

HB 2669

No. _____

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. May 4, 2012

TIME SIGNED: 12:45 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTY THIRD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2669:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 2669.

House Bill 2669 removes recording requirements for cemetery plats. Currently, cemetery plats, as with other plats, are recorded in the county clerk's office. By removing recording requirements, this legislation takes away transparency and accountability in the system. Removal of recording requirements also decentralizes the cemetery platting system. This information is all currently held in one location - the county clerk's office. House Bill 2669 may create instances where the platting information is only available at funeral homes instead of the county clerk's office. This will create an inefficient and confusing system because the public will have to check multiple places for information that was previously held in one place.

House Bill 2669 also removes the county's reimbursement mechanism. Currently, the county clerk can assess a fee when the cemetery plat is recorded. This is typical of other plats recorded with the county clerk's office. This legislation places an unfunded mandate on the counties because it removes the county's ability to charge a fee for services they must still provide to the public.

House Bill 2669 is not consistent with my commitment to creating efficient and transparent government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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