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No. HB 2527

**THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 9, 2014

TIME SIGNED: 11:49am

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

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2527:

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 2527.

House Bill 2527 creates the Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Revolving Fund by allowing Oklahoma taxpayers to make a donation out of their state tax return. Taxpayers would be able to indicate their wish to make the donation on their individual or corporate income tax return. The Fund, which would be administered by the Attorney General, would provide financial assistance to indigent domestic violence victims for legal services.

Current law already provides for this benefit for domestic violence victims. In fact, current law provides a much broader benefit for domestic violence *and* sexual assault victims. Title 68 Section 2368.22, enacted January 1, 2012 created the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Revolving Fund. Taxpayers currently have the identical ability to indicate on individual and corporate income tax returns their desire to donate to this fund. This fund is identically administered by the Attorney General and can provide financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for any services, including legal services, relating to their victimization.

Additionally, current law provides if the total contributions to any one of the funds created through donations or contributions from income tax refunds by checking the appropriate box on the income tax return forms do not equal \$15,000.00 or more for three consecutive years, the designation for the fund shall be removed from the forms. In its first year, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Revolving Fund did not meet this threshold. Thus, the creation of a fund with a more narrow purpose puts at risk both funds, which would result in fewer resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By Collette Hall Hauck  
Date/Time 5/9/14 2:39pm