



OFFICE OF

No. SB 1645

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., April 9, 2014

TIME SIGNED: 4:50 pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1645:

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 Senate Bill 1645.

Under current law, Title 72 Section 164 of the Oklahoma Statutes transfers the control, supervision, and management of property making up the Union Soldiers' Home to the of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the use and benefit of this State. The Union Soldier's Home opened in 1919, and was abolished in 1939. At the same time, the property was transferred to the State by Section 164. Currently, executive and administrative offices of the Department of Corrections occupy the property. Since 1939, Section 164 is the only reference in law indicating the State's ownership and control of the Union Soldiers' Home property.

Senate Bill 1645 seeks to repeal section 164 of Title 72 along with three (3) other sections of Title 72. The repeal of section 164 would leave no reference in law regarding the ownership of the Union Soldiers' Home, which now houses executive and administrative offices of the Department of Corrections. This would create uncertainty and ambiguity in the ownership and control of this property. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services supports this decision. OMES and the Office of the Governor will continue to work with the Legislature in addressing the other concerns raised by Senate Bill 1645.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By B. McClure
Date/Time 4-9-14
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