

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1686

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Sex Offenders Registration Act; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 590.1, which relates to sex offenders residing together; requiring certain certification for nonprofit facilities housing sex offenders; modifying certain definition; allowing the Department of Corrections to contract housing for more than one sex offender in an individual dwelling; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 590.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 590.1. A. 1. It is unlawful for two or more persons required to register as sex offenders to reside together in any individual dwelling during the term of registration as a sex offender. ~~Every~~ Any person violating this provision shall be guilty, upon conviction, of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for ~~a term~~ not more than one (1) year and a fine ~~in an amount~~ not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). ~~Every~~ Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this

1 section shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in
2 the custody of the Department of Corrections for ~~a term~~ not more
3 than five (5) years and a fine ~~in an amount~~ not to exceed Two
4 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

5 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not
6 be construed to prohibit a registered sex offender from residing in
7 any properly zoned and established boarding house, apartment
8 building, or other multi-unit structure; provided, the individual
9 dwellings are separate for each registered person. Nothing in this
10 subsection shall prohibit the sharing of living quarters, jail or
11 prison space, or any multi-person or dormitory-style housing of sex
12 offenders in the custody of any jail or correctional facility or any
13 properly zoned facility under contract with a jail or correctional
14 agency for the purpose of housing prisoners, or any properly
15 established treatment or certified nonprofit facility that provides
16 access to recovery supportive living environments located in a
17 properly zoned area determined by the local governing authority and
18 housing persons for purposes of sex offender services and treatment.
19 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit married persons, both of
20 whom are required to register as sex offenders, or two or more blood
21 relatives who are required to register as sex offenders, from
22 residing in any individual dwelling during the term of registration
23 as a sex offender.

1 3. For purposes of this subsection, "individual dwelling"

2 means:

- 3 a. a private residential property, whether owned, leased
4 or rented, including all real property zoned as
5 single-family residential property or zoned as multi-
6 family residential property due to any adjacent,
7 detached, or separate living quarters of any kind on
8 such property,
- 9 b. any room available within any boarding house or group
10 home as such term is defined by subsection ~~D~~ C of this
11 section,
- 12 c. any single apartment for rent or lease within an
13 apartment building, or
- 14 d. any separate residential unit made available for sale,
15 rent, or lease within a multi-unit structure,
16 including a condominium, duplex, triplex, ~~quadriplex~~
17 quadplex, or any unit that is constructed together
18 with other separate units into one structure.

19 4. For purposes of this section, "multi-unit structure" means a
20 structure with multiple residential units that provide independent
21 living facilities for living, sleeping, cooking, eating, and
22 sanitation within each individual unit. ~~Manufactured homes, mobile~~
23 ~~homes, trailers, and recreational vehicles that do not meet the~~
24 ~~descriptions of this paragraph are not multi-unit structures.~~

1 ~~B. The Department of Corrections is prohibited from contracting~~
2 ~~for the housing of any person required to register as a sex offender~~
3 ~~in any individual dwelling, as defined by paragraph 3 of subsection~~
4 ~~A of this section, where another person required to register as a~~
5 ~~sex offender also resides.~~

6 ~~C.~~ B. No halfway house, nonprofit organization, or private
7 entity shall contract with the Department of Corrections or any jail
8 to house any person required to register as a sex offender or offer
9 housing independently to any person required to register as a sex
10 offender if such housing facility is located within a single-family
11 zoned residential neighborhood or is not properly zoned as a multi-
12 unit housing structure, jail, or correctional facility.

13 ~~D.~~ C. No person or entity shall knowingly establish or operate
14 a boarding house or group home, or otherwise knowingly rent or lease
15 rooms, for the residency of persons required to register pursuant to
16 the Sex Offenders Registration Act unless treatment services are
17 provided. ~~Said~~ The facility must also be in a properly zoned area
18 determined by the local governing authority. For purposes of this
19 subsection, "boarding house or group home" means a dwelling that is
20 used for the residency of two or more unrelated persons.

21 ~~E.~~ D. No person or entity shall knowingly establish, lease,
22 operate, or own any structure or portion of a structure where
23 persons required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders
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1 Registration Act are allowed to reside together in violation of this
2 section or knowingly allow any other violation of this section.

3 ~~F.~~ E. Every person convicted of a first violation of subsection
4 ~~E~~ D of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
5 punished by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
6 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1)
7 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted
8 of a second violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
9 punished by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred
10 Dollars (\$2,500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not
11 more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any
12 person convicted of a third or subsequent violation shall be guilty
13 of a felony and shall be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than Two
14 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and not more than Five
15 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of
16 the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or
17 by both such fine and imprisonment.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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