

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 484

By: Standridge, Hamilton,
Bergstrom, Prieto,
Gillespie, and Jett of the
Senate

4 and

5 West (Kevin) of the House

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8 An Act relating to municipalities; defining terms;
9 prohibiting approval of certain facility within
10 certain locations; providing certain exceptions;
11 clarifying intent; providing for codification; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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 43-116 of Title 11, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. As used in this section:

18 1. "Domestic violence shelter" means a facility providing
19 temporary housing and services for domestic violence victims;

20 2. "Domestic violence victim" means any person who:

21 a. does not have access to normal accommodations as a
22 result of violence or the threat of violence from a
23 cohabitant, and
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1 b. otherwise meets the definition of a homeless person,
2 as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection;

3 3. "Entity" means any individual, corporation, company, firm,
4 partnership, association, trust, state agency, government
5 instrumentality or agency, institution, county, incorporated
6 municipality, municipal authority, trust in which any governmental
7 entity is a beneficiary, venture, or other legal entity however
8 organized;

9 4. "Homeless person" means any person who:

10 a. lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
11 residence,

12 b. has as a primary nighttime residence a publicly or
13 privately operated shelter designed to provide
14 temporary living accommodations, or

15 c. has as a primary nighttime residence a public or
16 private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,
17 regular sleeping accommodations for a human being;

18 5. "Homeless shelter" means a facility providing temporary
19 housing and services for homeless persons;

20 6. "Unaccompanied minor" means any minor who:

21 a. is not in the physical custody of a parent or
22 guardian, and

23 b. otherwise meets the definition of a homeless person,
24 as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection; and

1 7. "Youth shelter" means a facility providing temporary housing
2 and services for unaccompanied minors and includes, but is not
3 limited to, any such facility licensed or operated by the Department
4 of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs as a group home,
5 child care facility, or children's shelter.

6 B. The municipal governing body, municipal zoning commission,
7 or any other such body with zoning authority of the municipality
8 where the proposed homeless shelter is located, provided the
9 municipality has a population of less than three hundred thousand
10 (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, shall
11 not approve any proposed homeless shelter if such shelter would be
12 located within three thousand (3,000) feet of any school or school
13 property.

14 C. Any homeless shelter that was properly zoned and approved at
15 its location on the effective date of this act shall be permitted to
16 continue operating and not be subject to relocation or closure. If
17 any school or school property is established within three thousand
18 (3,000) feet of any homeless shelter after such homeless shelter has
19 been properly zoned and approved, the provisions of this section
20 shall not be a cause for the revocation or closure of such homeless
21 shelter. Any change of use from a homeless shelter at a location
22 that was properly zoned and approved on the effective date of this
23 act shall subject such location to the provisions of this act.

1 D. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
2 apply to domestic violence shelters or youth shelters or to a
3 homeless shelter operated within a place of worship.

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

8 Passed the Senate the 25th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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12 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
13 2025.

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