



OFFICE OF

No. SB 206

**THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 1, 2017

TIME SIGNED: 6:03pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY SIXTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 206:

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 206.

The State of Oklahoma currently has hundreds of agencies, boards, and commissions. One of my focuses since taking office has been to streamline government, reduce the number of entities, and create a more efficient, accountable state government.

While possible reform of merit protection is an important issue worthy of review, this issue can be addressed through a non-statutory avenue, rather than passing legislation and adding statutory provisions to our already lengthy legal code.

This legislation also inadvertently creates an additional financial burden to state agencies by requiring them to provide mileage reimbursements to committee members.

Senate Bill 206 is not consistent with my commitment to reduce the size and cost of state government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By P. Welsh

Date/Time 5-1-17 6:25pm

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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