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No. SB 245

**THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 1 ~~10~~, 20 17

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. 245:

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 245.

In Oklahoma, many of our agencies are governed by boards made up of everyday citizens willing to serve, often without pay, to keep our State operating. Every year, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Judiciary, other state officials, and I appoint over 1,000 Oklahoma citizens to these positions. Additionally, county, cities, and towns rely on volunteers to serve on boards, commissions, and committees to aid local governmental entities. I have great appreciation and respect for every resident who volunteers to serve on one of these boards, commissions, and committees. However, these individuals need to be accessible to the public that they serve.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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I strongly support full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and agree that public officials, public servants and public entities must comply with the Act. SB 245 allows an undefined set of individuals to create a quorum for a virtual charter school meeting. Conversely, this bill does not treat boards, commissions, and committees equally. Under the provisions of this bill, a virtual charter school may hold a meeting with a majority of its membership videoconferencing into the meeting rather than a quorum being present at one location accessible to the public.

This legislation completely contradicts the intent of the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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