

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 2612

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to cemeteries; requiring cemeteries  
8 bury body of deceased person at a minimum depth;  
9 providing exemptions; providing for codification; and  
10 providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 38 of Title 8, unless there is  
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. The body of a human decedent shall be buried in a manner  
16 where the top surface of the outermost container in which the body  
17 is placed is a minimum of eighteen (18) inches below the surface of  
18 the ground. If the body of a human decedent is buried without a  
19 container, the depth of the grave shall be a minimum of forty-eight  
20 (48) inches below the surface of the ground.

21 B. Due to subsurface soil conditions or other relevant  
22 considerations, the governing body of a political subdivision of  
23 this state may permit, by ordinance or rule, burials in that  
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1 political subdivision at a shallower depth than required by this  
2 section.

3 C. This section shall not apply to burials in a sealed-surface  
4 reinforced concrete burial vault or burials on tribal grounds.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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