

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2020

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1163

6 By: Allen

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Archeological Survey;  
8 amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 241, which relates to  
9 object and duties; requiring that Survey relocate  
10 certain archeological artifacts from private property  
11 in certain timeframe; and providing an effective  
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 241, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 241. ~~(a)~~ A. The Archeological Survey of the State of  
17 Oklahoma, located at Norman, Oklahoma, shall be under the direction  
18 and supervision of the Regents of the University of Oklahoma and  
19 shall be known as the Oklahoma Archeological Survey.

20 ~~(b)~~ B. The Oklahoma Archeological Survey shall have for its  
21 object and duties the following:

22 ~~(1)~~ 1. Excavation of historical sites, ruins and mounds for the  
23 purpose of securing data and objects relating to early man in  
24 Oklahoma;

1       ~~(2)~~ 2. Fundamental research in Oklahoma archeology and  
2 encouragement of public cooperation in the preservation of Oklahoma  
3 antiquities;

4       ~~(3)~~ 3. Research in and study of anthropology and related social  
5 and physical sciences both prior to excavation and thereafter in  
6 order to plan and aid in the discovery of archeological sites and  
7 artifacts and in their proper assessment and preservation once  
8 discovered; provided, that when archeological artifacts are  
9 discovered on private property after a flood, as defined in Section  
10 1603 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Survey shall relocate  
11 the artifacts for assessment and preservation within thirty (30)  
12 days of the property owner providing notice to the Survey, unless  
13 otherwise agreed to by the parties;

14       ~~(4)~~ 4. Publication of findings in terms of their scientific and  
15 popular and cultural values;

16       ~~(5)~~ 5. Display and custodianship of relics, artifacts, sites  
17 and other tangible results of the operations of the survey;

18       ~~(6)~~ 6. Educational activities providing a stimulus to  
19 archeological efforts and the encouragement of archeological  
20 societies, parks and museums; and

21       ~~(7)~~ 7. To initiate, operate and maintain a program of  
22 archeology which shall include the specific responsibilities set out  
23 above which shall not be limited to those areas of action.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
February 20, 2020 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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