

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1275

By: Burns of the Senate

4 and

5 Humphrey of the House

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8 An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S.  
9 2021, Section 2212, which relates to powers, rights,  
10 and privileges of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
11 Commission; providing for legislative approval for  
12 certain property decision; updating statutory  
13 language; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2212, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2212. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
18 Commission shall have the authority to exercise the following  
19 powers, rights, and privileges related to state parks:

20 1. Have the exclusive possession and control of, and to operate  
21 and maintain for the benefit of the people of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~  
22 this state, all state parks and all lands and other properties now  
23 or hereafter owned or leased by the state or Commission for park or  
24 recreational purposes;

1           2. ~~Acquire~~ Except as provided in subsection B of this section,  
2 acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, condemnation, or in any  
3 other manner and to maintain, use, and operate any and all property,  
4 real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient to the exercise of  
5 the powers, rights, privileges, and functions conferred upon it by  
6 the Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and Recreation Enhancement Act. Title  
7 to all such property shall be vested in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this  
8 state, although such property is sometimes herein referred to as  
9 property "of the Commission". The power of condemnation herein  
10 granted shall be exercised in the manner provided by the general  
11 laws of the state for the condemnation of property by the state;

12           3. Subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and  
13 Recreation Enhancement Act, from time to time lease, without  
14 restriction as to term, any property which the Commission shall  
15 determine to be necessary or convenient to more fully carry into  
16 effect the duties and powers of ~~said~~ the Commission; and

17           4. Acquire, conserve, protect, construct, extend, reduce,  
18 improve, maintain, and operate any and all facilities of all kinds  
19 which in the judgment of the Commission will provide recreational or  
20 other facilities for the benefit of the public, or which are  
21 necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the  
22 Commission.

23           B. In the event the Commission elects to terminate or cancel or  
24 elects not to renew a lease for real property upon which a state

1 park is located or takes action resulting in the loss or change of  
2 ownership of a state park, which causes the removal of the  
3 property's status as a state park, the termination, nonrenewal, or  
4 action shall not occur without the approval of the Legislature.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE  
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