

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1275

By: Burns

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

2. ~~Acquire~~ Except as provided in subsection B of this section, acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, condemnation, or in any

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

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

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

21 B. In the event the Commission elects to terminate or cancel or
22 elects not to renew a lease for real property upon which a state
23 park is located or takes action resulting in the loss or change of
24 ownership of a state park, which causes the removal of the

1 property's status as a state park, the termination, nonrenewal, or
2 action shall not occur without the approval of the Legislature.

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

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