

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 3

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S.  
7 2021, Section 2212, which relates to powers, rights,  
8 and privileges of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
9 Commission; providing for legislative approval for  
10 certain property decision; updating statutory  
11 language; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

14 Section 2212. A. The Commission shall have the authority to  
15 exercise the following powers, rights and privileges related to  
16 state parks:

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

22 2. ~~Acquire~~ Except as provided in subsection B of this section,  
23 acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, condemnation, or in any  
24 other manner and to maintain, use and operate any and all property,

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

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

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

20 B. In the event the Commission elects to terminate or cancel or  
21 elects not to renew a lease for real property upon which a state  
22 park is located or takes action resulting in the loss or change of  
23 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. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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