

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 238

BY: LONG (Ed) of the SENATE

and

VOSKUHL of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; CREATING THE
OKLAHOMA ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN;
AUTHORIZING SUPERVISION BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS
FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL
COLLEGES; ALLOWING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR;
STIPULATING DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING
CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN RECORDS; REQUIRING
ANNUAL REPORT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2021 of Title 2, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Arboretum and Botanical
Garden of Oklahoma, which shall be under the direction and
supervision of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural
and Mechanical Colleges.

B. The director shall be appointed by the Dean of the Division
of Agriculture of Oklahoma State University and approved by the
Board of Regents.

C. The Oklahoma Arboretum and Botanical Garden director shall:

1. Acquire, archive, process and disseminate information on
horticultural and botanical resources that is or could be of value
to policy and decision makers in the state;

2. Act as a representative of the state in horticultural
matters as pertains to agriculture, both within and outside the
state when necessary or appropriate or when requested to do so by
proper authority, which shall include among others the legislative
or executive branches of state government;

3. Conduct research, investigations, and interpretive programs
pertaining to horticultural and botanical resources, including but
not limited to, native woody plant and certain herbaceous plant
species distribution within the state, their relationships to each
other and certain fauna and their environment as it pertains to
agriculture;

4. Maintain plant inventories on or near the OSU campus and the
respective associated sites such as the Tulsa Arboretum in natural
or contrived ecosystems representing park and urban sites;

5. Establish a depository for preservation of live, native and
adaptive plant germplasm and as a distribution source of said

germplasm to cooperating affiliated arboretums, involved in plant evaluation, teaching and research programs;

6. Maintain as a part of the statewide Arboretum plant collections representative but not restricted to the flora and plant communities of Oklahoma, which among other benefits will support research and investigative programs; and

7. Contract with private entities or state agencies to assist in training of students and the citizenry with respect to our native and introduced woody and herbaceous plant material and their importance to Oklahoma.

D. The establishment of the Oklahoma Arboretum and Botanical Garden shall in no way preclude or limit the research and educational activities concerning biological and botanical resources and natural or contrived areas by universities, colleges or other government entities.

E. The director is authorized to certify copies as being authentic reproductions of arboretum resource records held in the state.

F. The director shall present a report each year to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of March, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives