

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2082

By: Benson, Askins, Cotner,
Deutschendorf, Hilliard,
Kirby and Morgan of the
House

and

Capps, Helton and
Littlefield of the
Senate

An Act relating to state emblems; designating the
black swallowtail as the state butterfly of the
State of Oklahoma; providing for codification;
providing for noncodification; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Oklahoma is fortunate in providing a home to a wide array of colorful butterflies. The black swallowtail, *Papilio polyxenes*, is a migratory species indigenous to our state from May to October. The black swallowtail plays a vital role in the cross-pollination of plant life in Oklahoma, which is a necessary link in the chain which supports our ecology. In addition, the presence of the black swallowtail in Oklahoma not only adds color and beauty to our state but provides enjoyment for our citizens and an opportunity to study and understand the contributions this insect makes to our environment.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 98.5 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The black swallowtail, *Papilio polyxenes*, is hereby designated and adopted as the state butterfly of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate