

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2669

By: Hilliard and Sadler of
the House

and

Roberts of the Senate

An Act relating to criminal procedure; authorizing
National Park Service rangers to make arrests under
certain circumstances; providing for codification;
and declaring an emergency.

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 36.2 of Title 22, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A National Park Service ranger who, in the official capacity as
park ranger, is authorized by law to make arrests shall, when making
an arrest in this state for a nonfederal offense, have the same
legal status and immunity from suit as a state or local law
enforcement officer if the arrest is made under the following
circumstances:

1. The Park Service ranger reasonably believes that the person
arrested has committed a felony in the presence of the ranger or is
committing a felony in the presence of the ranger;

2. The Park Service ranger reasonably believes the person
arrested has committed a misdemeanor that amounts to a breach of the
peace in the presence of the ranger or is committing a misdemeanor

that amounts to a breach of the peace in the presence of the ranger;
or

3. The Park Service ranger is rendering assistance to a law enforcement officer of this state in an emergency or at the request of such officer or pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the state or a political subdivision of the state and the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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