

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 66

By: Muegge, Kerr and Cain of
the Senate

and

Staggs of the House

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Historical Society; amending Section 3, Chapter 71, O.S.L. 1995 (53 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1.21), which relates to entry fees; deleting obsolete language; authorizing the Oklahoma Historical Society to charge entry fees at certain museums and historical sites; deleting certain language relating to pilot project; requiring the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society to submit certain report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees by certain date; providing that certain appropriations shall not be reduced to offset certain fees; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 71, O.S.L. 1995 (53 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1.21), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1.21 A. The Oklahoma Historical Society is authorized ~~and directed to develop and implement an entry fee pilot project. The pilot project shall be implemented at the following museum and historical site~~ to charge an entry fee at the following museums and historical sites:

1. The Route 66 Museum located in Clinton, Oklahoma; ~~and~~
2. The Fort Gibson Military Park located in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma;

3. The Pioneer Woman Museum located in Ponca City, Oklahoma;
and

4. The Henry Overholser House located in Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma; and

5. Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center located near Spiro,
Oklahoma.

B. The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall establish an entry fee schedule to charge the public for admission to the participating sites. ~~The Board shall adopt a fee schedule no later than July 1, 1995, with collection of the fee beginning after that date.~~ The entry fee schedule shall include special rates for families, school groups and any other group or category of persons the Board designates.

C. The Historical Society shall separately account for and report the revenue which is generated from the collection of the entry fee for the participating sites. After the collected fees are deposited in the Historical Society Revolving Fund, the Historical Society shall separately track the fee revenue generated from each ~~pilot project~~ site to ensure that all revenue accruing to the credit of each site is budgeted and expended for that site. The revenue shall be used at each site to enhance, improve, market and pay for expenses associated with the site, including, but not limited to, site personnel, utilities, conservation supplies, site promotion and marketing, equipment, professional services and capital improvements.

D. ~~As part of the project, the~~ The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society shall evaluate the overall effectiveness of ~~the project~~ charging an entry fee at the participating sites, including the impact on educational outreach, public opinion and operational efficiency. ~~The Historical Society Board shall prepare a report of the findings, including which shall include recommendations concerning the project which for discontinuation, modification, or continuation of entry fees.~~ The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives

~~Appropriations Committees by March 31 of each year the project operates February 1, 2002.~~

E. ~~During the period the entry fee pilot project is operating, the~~ The amount of money appropriated to the Oklahoma Historical Society shall not be reduced to offset the amount of revenue generated and collected through the ~~entry fee pilot project charging of entry fees.~~

F. ~~The entry fee pilot project established pursuant to this section shall terminate on June 30, 1997, unless otherwise provided for by law.~~

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.

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