

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2583

By: Rice

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 1991, Section 43, which relates to the regulation and control of dogs running at large; modifying the population requirements for counties concerning the regulation and control of dogs running at large; providing exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 1991, Section 43, is amended to read as follows:

Section 43. The board of county commissioners of any county with a population of ~~two hundred thousand (200,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) or more according to the last Federal Decennial Census and any county adjoining that county may regulate or prohibit the running at large of dogs within said county, and cause such dogs as may be running at large to be impounded and disposed of as otherwise provided for by law or sold to discharge the costs and penalties provided for the violation of such prohibition and the expense of impounding and keeping the same for such sale; and may also provide for the erection of all needful

pens, pounds and buildings for the use of said county at any place within said county. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of any county undertaking the regulation and taxation of dogs in said county under this ~~act~~ section to establish and enforce rules governing the same, and they shall enter into a definite cooperative agreement with the sheriff of said county prescribing said rules and regulations and the manner and terms of enforcement thereof, and for the financing and compensation therefor. The board of county commissioners may also regulate and provide for taxing the owners and harborers of dogs, and authorize the humane killing or disposal of dogs, found at large, contrary to any ordinance regulating the same. Any person, firm or corporation ~~who violates~~ convicted of violating any rule or regulation made by ~~such~~ the board of county commissioners under the authority of this ~~act~~ section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by the laws of this state in any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, that in the case of continuing offenses, each day on which the offense occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing in this section is intended to regulate dogs for hunting purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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