

By: Herbert of the Senate  
and

Hutchison of the House

An Act relating to tourism; amending Section 2, Chapter 166, O.S.L. 1998 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1803.1), which relates to the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center; authorizing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission to enter into certain lease agreement or management contract; exempting the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for certain purposes; requiring approval of contract and exercise oversight; requiring audits to ensure compliance with provisions of Central Purchasing Act; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 166, O.S.L. 1998 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1803.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1803.1 The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may enter into a contract for ~~the~~ management services ~~of~~ at the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center. Before the ~~Department Commission~~ enters into a contract with a ~~private~~ vendor, the option of state operation shall be considered and ~~privatization~~ the contract must be determined to be more cost effective while delivering quality services. The contract for management services may be entered into by the Commission for one-year periods, renewable at the ~~sole~~ option of the Commission but not to exceed a cumulative-period of fifty (50) years. The Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act solely for the purpose of negotiating such a management contract; provided, however, that the Department of Central Services shall be required to approve any such contract, and shall be required to

exercise oversight in such negotiations. Audits shall be conducted by the State Auditor and Inspector on a regular basis to ensure compliance with all other provisions of the Central Purchasing Act.

The Commission ~~shall be~~ is further exempt from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act when making purchases for the purpose of effectuating the management contract. Prior to entering into any contract for management services, all applicable provisions of any outstanding bond indenture(s) shall be ~~complied with~~ met by the Commission.

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 Senate the 23rd day of February, 1999.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives