

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 52

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers; authorizing the board of county commissioners to determine an animal nuisance law; stating parameters of the animal nuisance law; specifying rules and regulations for the impounding of animals; requiring sheriff to investigate animal nuisance reports; authorizing sheriff to issue citations; providing for destruction of certain animals; setting fine; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 339.8 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The board of county commissioners of any county of this state may, with respect to unincorporated areas of the county, enact and enforce ordinances and regulations prohibiting animals from running at large. Animals running at large may be impounded and sold to discharge any costs and penalties established by the board and the expense of impounding, keeping or sale of such animals.

B. The board may provide for the erection of pens, pounds, and buildings for use by the county, and appoint and compensate keepers thereof, and establish and enforce rules governing the pens, pounds or buildings. The board may also regulate and provide for fining the owners of animals in violation of the law, and authorize the destruction of such animals.

C. The sheriff, in addition to other duties, shall have the responsibility of investigating all animal nuisances reported and shall have the authority to issue citations for violating the animal

nuisance law. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of the animal nuisance law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). Any person convicted of a second or subsequent animal nuisance shall be fined in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. 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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