

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3279

By: Duncan, Sherrer, Dorman and
Martin (Steve) of the House

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4 Burrage of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 43, which relates to regulation and control
9 of dogs running at large; eliminating certain
10 population restriction; and providing an effective
11 date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2001, Section 43, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 43. A. The board of county commissioners of any county
16 ~~with a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more~~
17 ~~according to the last Federal Decennial Census~~ may regulate or
18 prohibit the running at large of dogs within ~~said~~ that county, and
19 cause ~~such~~ the dogs as ~~may be~~ running at large to be ~~impounded and~~
20 ~~disposed~~ :

21 1. Impounded;

22 2. Disposed of as otherwise provided for by law; or ~~sold~~
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1 3. Sold to discharge the costs and penalties provided for the
2 violation of ~~such~~ this prohibition and the expense of impounding and
3 keeping the same for such sale, ~~and~~.

4 The board of county commissioners may also provide for the
5 erection of all needful pens, pounds and buildings for the use of
6 ~~said~~ the county at any place within ~~said~~ the county.

7 B. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of
8 any county undertaking the regulation and taxation of dogs in ~~said~~
9 the county under this act to establish and enforce rules governing
10 the same, and they shall enter into a definite cooperative agreement
11 with the sheriff of ~~said~~ the county prescribing ~~said~~ the rules and
12 regulations and the manner and terms of enforcement thereof, and for
13 the financing and compensation therefor.

14 C. The board of county commissioners may also regulate and
15 provide for taxing the owners and harborers of dogs, and authorize
16 the humane killing or disposal of dogs, found at large, contrary to
17 any ordinance regulating the same.

18 D. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any rule or
19 regulation made by such board of county commissioners under the
20 authority of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
21 punished as provided by the laws of this state in any court of
22 competent jurisdiction, provided that in the case of continuing
23 offenses, each day on which the offense occurs shall constitute a
24 separate offense.

