

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1007

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 43, which relates to county regulation of
9 dogs running at large; removing certain population
10 restriction; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 43, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 43. The board of county commissioners of any county
15 ~~with a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more~~
16 ~~according to the last Federal Decennial Census~~ may regulate or
17 prohibit the running at large of dogs within ~~said~~ the county, and
18 cause ~~such~~ dogs as may be running at large to be impounded and
19 disposed of as otherwise provided for by law or sold to discharge
20 the costs and penalties provided for the violation of such
21 prohibition and the expense of impounding and keeping the same for
22 ~~such~~ sale; and may also provide for the erection of all needful
23 pens, pounds and buildings for the use of ~~said~~ the county at any
24 place within ~~said~~ the county. It shall be the duty of the board of

1 county commissioners of any county undertaking the regulation and
2 taxation of dogs in ~~said~~ the county under this ~~act~~ section to
3 establish and enforce rules governing the same, and they shall enter
4 into a definite cooperative agreement with the sheriff of ~~said~~ the
5 county prescribing ~~said~~ the rules and regulations and the manner and
6 terms of enforcement thereof, and for the financing and compensation
7 therefor. The board of county commissioners may also regulate and
8 provide for taxing the owners and harborers of dogs, and authorize
9 the humane killing or disposal of dogs, found at large, contrary to
10 any ordinance regulating the same. Any person, firm or corporation
11 who violates any rule or regulation made by ~~such~~ the board of county
12 commissioners under the authority of this ~~act~~ section shall be
13 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by the
14 laws of this state in any court of competent jurisdiction, provided
15 that in the case of continuing offenses, each day on which the
16 offense occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

17 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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