

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1128

By: Justice

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and
8 Recreation Enhancement Act; amending 74 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 2276.1, which relates to the Oklahoma State
10 Park Trust Fund; modifying utilization requirements
11 of the Trust Fund; providing an effective date; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2276.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 2276.1. A. There is hereby created a trust fund to be
17 known as the "Oklahoma State Park Trust Fund". The Oklahoma Tourism
18 and Recreation Commission shall be the trustees of said Trust Fund.

19 B. The Commission shall utilize ~~five percent (5%)~~ ten percent
20 (10%) of the principal of the Trust Fund annually to:

21 1. Protect and conserve state park lands, ~~but~~ which may include
22 the personnel costs, training, vehicles and equipment for park
23 rangers and naturalists, and which shall not include routine
24 maintenance expenses of the state parks;

1 2. Preserve historic properties under the jurisdiction of the
2 Commission;

3 3. Provide for one-time capital upgrades and improvements of
4 state park resources; and

5 4. Pay fees and expenses associated with the services of a
6 custodian of the Trust Fund.

7 C. The Commission shall give priority for funding to the state
8 park from which the revenues were initially derived.

9 D. The Trust Fund principal shall consist of monies from any
10 and all mineral lease payments, seismograph fees, royalty payments,
11 or other payments associated with oil and gas mineral operations at
12 state parks that are managed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
13 Department, any funds appropriated or transferred to the Trust Fund
14 by the Legislature, and any monies or assets contributed to the
15 Trust Fund from any other source, public or private.

16 E. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, income and
17 investment return on Trust Fund principal shall accrue to the Trust
18 Fund for use as provided by authorization of the trustees for the
19 purposes listed in subsection B of this section. Except as provided
20 for in subsection B of this section, no income or investment return
21 or principal shall be used for administrative expenses of the
22 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department or expenses incurred by
23 the Commission in the administration of the Trust Fund.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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