

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2838

By: Gann

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9                   An Act relating to sunset; amending 74 O.S. 2011,  
10                   Section 245, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
11                   57, O.S.L. 2014 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 245),  
12                   which relates to the Oklahoma Climatological Survey;  
13                   re-creating the Survey; and modifying termination  
14                   date.

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

16           SECTION 1.        AMENDATORY        74 O.S. 2011, Section 245, as last  
17           amended by Section 1, Chapter 57, O.S.L. 2014 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
18           Section 245), is amended to read as follows:

19           Section 245. A. The Climate Office of the State of Oklahoma  
20           located at Norman, Oklahoma, shall be under the direction and  
21           supervision of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma  
22           and shall be known as the Oklahoma Climatological Survey. The  
23           Oklahoma Climatological Survey is hereby re-created, to continue  
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1 until July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, in accordance with the provisions of the  
2 Oklahoma Sunset Law.

3 B. The director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall be  
4 appointed by the Board and shall either serve as the state  
5 climatologist or appoint another current employee of the Survey to  
6 serve as state climatologist. The salary of the director shall be  
7 determined by the Board.

8 C. The Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall have for its object  
9 and duties the following:

10 1. To acquire, archive, process and disseminate, in the most  
11 cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information  
12 which is or could be of value to policy and decision makers in the  
13 state;

14 2. To act as the representative of the state in all  
15 climatological and meteorological matters both within and outside  
16 the state when requested to do so by the legislative or executive  
17 branches of the state government;

18 3. To prepare, publish and disseminate periodic regular climate  
19 summaries for those individuals, agencies and organizations whose  
20 activities are related to the welfare of the state and are affected  
21 by climate and weather;

22 4. To conduct and report on studies of climate and weather  
23 phenomena of significant socioeconomic importance to the state;  
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1        5. To evaluate the significance of natural and man-made,  
2 deliberate and inadvertent changes or modifications in important  
3 features of the climate and weather affecting the state, and to  
4 report this information to those agencies and organizations in the  
5 state who are likely to be affected by such changes or  
6 modifications; and

7        6. To maintain and operate the Oklahoma Mesonet, a  
8 statewide environmental monitoring network which is overseen by the  
9 Mesonet Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of the  
10 University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University according to  
11 its Memorandum of Agreement. The director of the Oklahoma  
12 Climatological Survey shall be accountable for executing the  
13 policies of the Mesonet Steering Committee.

14        D. The director is authorized to certify copies as being  
15 authentic reproductions of weather records held in the state.

16        E. The director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall  
17 present a report each year to the Board of Regents of the University  
18 of Oklahoma showing the progress, condition and all other  
19 information which the Board may deem necessary.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated  
22 02/25/2020 - DO PASS, As Amended.