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February 28, 2022

By: Stephens

An Act relating to viticulture; amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 5-129, which relates to Oklahoma Viticulture and Enology Center Development Revolving Fund; removing certain program; allowing for fund to be used for other programs; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 5-129, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-129. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated the "Oklahoma Viticulture and Enology Center Development Revolving Fund".

B. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies distributed to the fund:

1. From the apportionment provided in paragraph 1 of Section ~~107 of this act~~ 5-104 of this title; and

2. From any other source in accordance with state and federal law.

1 C. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
2 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for
3 the purpose of:

4 1. ~~Establishing a Viticulture and Enology Center on the campus~~
5 ~~of Redlands Community College~~ Supporting viticulture programs and
6 research at universities and colleges within The Oklahoma State
7 System of Higher Education;

8 2. Developing viticulture-related and enology-related education
9 programs;

10 3. Developing technologies, strategies or practices that aid in
11 the production of grapes and wine in Oklahoma; and

12 4. Increasing the positive economic impact of the Oklahoma wine
13 industry on this state.

14 D. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
15 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
16 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
17 Services for approval and payment.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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