

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 803

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to fish and wildlife; creating the Pushmataha Wildlife Preserve; stating purpose of reserve; allocating funds; providing for the promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-304.2 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. After the effective date of this act, twenty thousand (20,000) acres of the Pushmataha Wildlife Management Area shall be renamed as the Pushmataha Wildlife Preserve.

B. The purpose of the Pushmataha Wildlife Preserve shall be to regulate the hunting and preservation of the wildlife and game in the area in order to further the preservation of Oklahoma's wildlife population.

C. The total maximum allocation of funds necessary by the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be One Million Dollars

1 (\$1,000,000.00). The funds shall be derived from legislative
2 appropriations. The purpose of the funds shall be used for the
3 enclosing of the land, wildlife personnel, and all expenses deemed
4 necessary by the Director for the management of the Pushmataha
5 Wildlife Preserve.

6 D. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate
7 rules necessary for the preservation of the Pushmataha Elk Reserve.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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