

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1263

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to tourism; amending 53 O.S. 2021, Section 355, which relates to the State Register of Historic Places; requiring legislative approval for certain designation; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2282, which relates to establishment of state trails on federal lands; requiring legislative approval for certain designation; prohibiting certain funds from being expended until legislative approval; updating statutory references; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 53 O.S. 2021, Section 355, is amended to read as follows:

Section 355. A. There is hereby created a "State Register of Historic Places".

B. The State Historic Preservation Officer, in consultation with the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee, shall establish a listing of sites, districts, structures, buildings, areas, or objects above or below the surface of the earth whether on land or in the waters of the state, together with any designated improvements thereon, significant in the history, architecture,

1 archeology, or culture of the state, its communities, or the nation.  
2 Such listing shall constitute the ~~Oklahoma~~ State Register of  
3 Historic Places. All historic places within the state listed on or  
4 nominated to the National Register of Historic Places before ~~or~~  
5 ~~after this act becomes law~~ the effective date of this act shall be  
6 deemed to be listed in the State Register. All historic places  
7 within this state nominated to the National Register of Historic  
8 Places after the effective date of this act shall require the  
9 approval of the Legislature prior to designation on the State  
10 Register.

11 C. The State Historic Preservation Officer, with the advice of  
12 the Review Committee, shall establish the procedures and the  
13 criteria for listing in the State Register.

14 D. Listing a privately owned property in the State Register  
15 shall in no way violate or abridge the lawful owner's right to use,  
16 modify, or dispose of ~~said~~ such property.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2282, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2282. A. ~~The~~ On or after the effective date of this  
20 act, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may shall not  
21 establish and or designate state trails on lands under the  
22 jurisdiction of a federal agency ~~when, in the opinion of the federal~~  
23 ~~agency, such lands may be so developed under the provisions of~~

1 ~~federal law~~ pursuant to 54 U.S.C., Section 300101 et seq. without  
2 the prior approval of the Legislature.

3 B. ~~Nothing in the Oklahoma Trails System Act shall prevent a~~  
4 ~~segment of the state trails system from being a part of the National~~  
5 ~~Scenic or Recreation Trails System. The Commission shall coordinate~~  
6 ~~the state trails system with the National Trails System and will~~  
7 ~~encourage and assist any federal studies for inclusion of state~~  
8 ~~trails into the National Trails System~~ No funds shall be expended or  
9 transferred from the state or a political subdivision towards any  
10 state trails designated pursuant to subsection A of this section  
11 without the prior approval of the Legislature.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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