

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 2970

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to definitions and general  
8 provisions; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 98.6,  
9 which relates to the state fossil; modifying state  
fossil; modifying descriptive provisions; and  
providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 98.6, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 98.6. Because of the extraordinarily rich  
18 paleontological heritage of the State of Oklahoma, the Legislature  
19 hereby declares ~~Sauropaganax Maximus~~ Sauroposeidon proteles to be  
20 the State Fossil of Oklahoma. ~~This spectacular dinosaur, the~~  
21 ~~"greatest king of reptile eaters"~~, once roamed this great land. ~~It~~  
22 ~~is only known from Oklahoma and has surpassed the Tyrannosaurus rex,~~  
23 ~~the "king of the dinosaurs", as the greatest predator of earth's~~  
24 ~~history~~ This Early Cretaceous sauropod dinosaur is among the tallest

1 ever discovered. When found in Atoka County in Southeast Oklahoma  
2 in 1994, the fossils were so large they were initially mistaken for  
3 petrified tree trunks. These fossils have been essential to  
4 understanding the species and highlight Oklahoma's important role in  
5 the study of prehistoric life.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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