

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 2970

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

Section 98.6. Because of the extraordinarily rich paleontological heritage of the State of Oklahoma, the Legislature hereby declares ~~Saurophaganax Maximus~~ Sauroposeidon proteles to be the State Fossil of Oklahoma. ~~This spectacular dinosaur, the "greatest king of reptile eaters", once roamed this great land. It is only known from Oklahoma and has surpassed the Tyrannosaurus rex, the "king of the dinosaurs", as the greatest predator of earth's 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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