

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1372

By: Tadlock and McBride of the  
House

3 and

4 Silk of the Senate

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7 [ state government - Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
8 Commission - mandating transfer of the Forest  
9 Heritage Center - effective date ]  
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 16-3, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 16-3. The State Board of Agriculture shall institute a  
16 broad program of education, outreach and action in the protection,  
17 reforestation, harvesting, and wise use of forests and their  
18 products throughout Oklahoma under the provisions the Board shall  
19 adopt. These provisions shall include the need for trees and  
20 forests to meet the increasing demands for forest products for human  
21 consumption, the necessity of environmental improvement to filter  
22 out noise and dirt, clean and replenish the atmosphere, to conserve  
23 soil, water and wildlife, and to provide outdoor recreation for  
24 healthful living. The Board shall administer silviculture best

1 management practices in cooperation with forestry land users under  
2 the provisions of state and federal water pollution laws that  
3 include the process to identify silviculturally related nonpoint  
4 sources of pollution as defined by the Oklahoma Environmental  
5 Quality Code and, to the extent feasible, establish procedures and  
6 methods to control these sources.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 16-51, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 16-51. The State Board of Agriculture for its Forestry  
10 Division on behalf of the state may acquire land suitable for  
11 nurseries, seed orchards, museums or educational facilities, state  
12 forests, school forests, tower, recreation and other sites by gift,  
13 donation, or purchase and may enter into agreements with the federal  
14 government or other agency for acquiring by gift or purchase the  
15 lands that are, in the judgment of the Board, suitable and desirable  
16 for the above purposes.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2224, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2224. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
20 Commission may transfer to any city, county, or other agency of  
21 government, which is a willing recipient, its interest in real and  
22 personal property owned by the State of Oklahoma or the Department  
23 and operated and maintained under the jurisdiction of the  
24 Commission. Such real estate transfers shall not be subject to

1 Section ~~456.7 or~~ 129.4 or 456.7 of ~~Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~  
2 this title or any provision of state law relative to disposition of  
3 real estate. Such real estate transfers shall be subject to the  
4 following provisions:

5 1. The city, county or other agency recipient shall agree to  
6 accept the interest transferred by the state, accept responsibility  
7 for the property, and use the real estate for public recreation or  
8 educational purposes in accordance with the Land and Water  
9 Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Public Law 88-578, 78 U.S.C., Section  
10 897;

11 2. The city, county or other agency recipient shall not dispose  
12 of the property unless substitute property is provided that is  
13 equivalent in value and usefulness;

14 3. The Commission shall transfer the property to the recipient  
15 by quit claim deed or other instrument as may be appropriate;

16 4. The consideration for the property transfer shall be the  
17 agreement of the recipient to continue public recreation use of the  
18 property and to manage the property without an operating subsidy  
19 from the Department or Commission;

20 5. The real estate transfer shall be subject to all existing  
21 easements and reservations of record; and

22 6. The Commission shall provide written notice to the President  
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives detailing any such proposed transfer agreement to be

1 entered into pursuant to this section no later than thirty (30) days  
2 prior to the first day of the legislative session. The Commission  
3 shall approve such proposed transfer during the legislative session  
4 to be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year, contingent  
5 upon the approval of the proposed transfer by the Legislature.

6 B. The Commission shall transfer the property commonly known as  
7 the Forest Heritage Center, located in Beavers Bend State Park,  
8 McCurtain County, Oklahoma, to the Oklahoma Department of  
9 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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