

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 HOUSE BILL 3533

By: Ranson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 43, which relates to the regulation and
9 control of dogs running at large; permitting counties
10 with a population smaller than 200,000 certain
11 regulating authority; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2021, Section 43, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 43. The board of county commissioners of any county with
17 ~~a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more according to~~
18 ~~the last Federal Decennial Census~~ may regulate or prohibit the
19 running at large of dogs within said county, and cause such dogs as
20 may be running at large to be impounded and disposed of as otherwise
21 provided for by law or sold to discharge the costs and penalties
22 provided for the violation of such prohibition and the expense of
23 impounding and keeping the same for such sale; and may also provide
24 for the erection of all needful pens, pounds and buildings for the
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1 use of said county at any place within said county. It shall be the
2 duty of the board of county commissioners of any county undertaking
3 the regulation and taxation of dogs in said county under this act to
4 establish and enforce rules governing the same, and they shall enter
5 into a definite cooperative agreement with the sheriff of said
6 county prescribing said rules and regulations and the manner and
7 terms of enforcement thereof, and for the financing and compensation
8 therefor. The board of county commissioners may also regulate and
9 provide for taxing the owners and harborers of dogs, and authorize
10 the humane killing or disposal of dogs, found at large, contrary to
11 any ordinance regulating the same. Any person, firm or corporation
12 who violates any rule or regulation made by such board of county
13 commissioners under the authority of this act shall be guilty of a
14 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by the laws of this
15 state in any court of competent jurisdiction, provided that in the
16 case of continuing offenses, each day on which the offense occurs
17 shall constitute a separate offense.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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