



1           3. Maintain the powers of peace officers except the serving or  
2 execution of civil process, have in all parts of the state the same  
3 powers with respect to criminal matters and enforcement of the laws  
4 relating thereto as sheriffs, highway patrolmen and police officers  
5 in their respective jurisdictions and possess all immunities and  
6 matters of defense now available or hereafter made available to  
7 sheriffs, the highway patrol, and police officers in any suit  
8 brought against them resulting from acts done in the course of their  
9 employment;

10           4. Possess law enforcement jurisdiction over state parks,  
11 including all facilities located therein. Furthermore, park rangers  
12 of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department who are certified  
13 peace officers pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title  
14 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall have statewide jurisdiction to  
15 carry out law enforcement duties when a crime is committed in their  
16 presence;

17           5. Serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months. The  
18 Division of State Parks Director may extend the probationary period  
19 for up to three (3) additional months provided that the employee and  
20 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services are notified in  
21 writing as to such action and the reasons therefor. At any time  
22 during a probationary period the employment of a park ranger may be  
23 terminated in accordance with Department procedure and at the  
24 discretion of the Director of State Parks. Retention of the

1 employee, after expiration of the probationary period, shall entitle  
2 the employee to be classified as a permanent employee;

3 6. Provide law enforcement protection and enforcement pursuant  
4 to the terms of interlocal agreements authorized by the Commission  
5 with other entities of government or federally recognized tribes in  
6 the state; and

7 7. Remain in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System if  
8 promoted to the Park Manager job family classification series,  
9 provided they maintain their certification specified in Section 3311  
10 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, perform the requisite training  
11 required by the Chief Park Ranger, and meet all other requirements,  
12 policies, and rules of the Department and laws of the state.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS,  
16 dated 02/22/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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