1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
3 SENATE BILL 273 By: Murdock
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6 AS INTRODUCED
7 An Act relating to Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation

An Act relating to Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and in lieu tax payments; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 3-303, which relates to payments in lieu of ad valorem tax for certain property acquired by Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission; updating references; modifying manner in which payments in lieu of ad valorem tax are calculated for certain acquisitions; updating statutory reference; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 3-303, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-303. A. The Commission may acquire, by purchase, gift, grants, grant-in-aid from the federal government, or from any other source public or private, all property or money necessary, useful or convenient for its use in carrying out the objects and purposes of this Code.

B. Any and all gifts, grants, royalties and rentals received by the Commission shall, however, be allocated and used in the same manner as Wildlife Conservation Funds, except that gifts given for

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specified purposes by the donor shall be used for such specified purposes.

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- C. On any land acquired by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, after the effective date of this act January 1, 1989, the Commission shall annually make in lieu of tax payments. For land acquired before November 1, 2019, the payments shall be equal to the average ad valorem tax per acre paid on similar land in that county. Said For land acquired on or after November 1, 2019, in lieu of tax payments shall be equal to the amount of ad valorem tax which would otherwise be levied pursuant to the valuation methodology provided for in subsection C of Section 2817 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The payments shall be made from any funds created in or pursuant to the authority granted by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code. The payments shall be made by the Commission within sixty (60) days from receipt of an itemized statement from the county treasurer of the county in which the land is located.
- D. The provisions of subsection C of this section shall be applicable to any lands acquired by or on behalf of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to Section 5 of this act Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may enter into such agreements with the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission as may be required for

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    the Commission to make such in lieu of tax payments with respect to
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    real property title to which is held by the Oklahoma Capitol
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    Improvement Authority until title is transferred to the Commission
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    as provided by <del>Section 5 of this act</del> Section 168.9 of Title 73 of
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    the Oklahoma Statutes.
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        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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