

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 263

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

Adair of the House

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An Act relating to tourism and recreation; renaming Dripping Springs State Park located in Delaware County as "Natural Falls State Park"; providing for such name change; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1811), which relates to the Division of Parks; authorizing pilot entrance fee program at Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County; modifying expenditure of certain monies; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1811.5A of Title 74 unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Dripping Springs State Park located in Delaware County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Natural Falls State Park". All

references to Dripping Springs State Park located in Colcord, Delaware County, Oklahoma, shall mean Natural Falls State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide for such name change in current and future signage and information materials.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1811), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1811. The Division of Parks shall, subject to the policies, ~~and rules and regulations~~ of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission:

1. Plan, supervise, acquire, construct, enlarge, erect, improve, equip, furnish, conserve and preserve public recreation facilities and resources in state parks, except lodges, but including cabins in parks where there is no state lodge, camping sites, scenic trails, picnic sites, golf courses, boating and bathing facilities and other similar facilities in state parks reasonably necessary and useful in promoting the public use of state parks under the jurisdiction and control of the Commission;

2. Administer state parks, establish rules and regulations for the use of public recreation facilities therein and establish rentals for the use of lands or interests therein; ~~providing~~ provided, however, nothing in this paragraph shall allow the charging of admission fees to any state park. Provided further, however, the Division of Parks may establish a pilot entrance fee program and rates for entry into Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. All ~~moneys~~ monies collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund; provided, not less than ~~eighty-five percent (85%)~~ one hundred percent (100%) of such ~~moneys~~ monies collected shall be spent on repairs, upkeep or improvement of park areas in ~~Pawnee Bill~~ Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. Within sixty (60) days of the end of the pilot program, the Division shall prepare an evaluation

of the program and recommendations for continuation, termination or expansion of the program. The evaluation shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. Exercise all authority and powers now vested in the Division of Parks and Recreation and derived from the Oklahoma Industrial Development and Park Department relating to parks and recreation, except as regards state-owned lodges; and

4. Commission any officer or employee who is certified pursuant to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes as a park ranger as the Department deems necessary to secure the parks and property of the Department and to maintain law and order therein.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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