

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 263

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

Adair of the House

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; amending Section 1, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1996 (73 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 178), which relates to funding for improvements to certain properties and facilities of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; modifying name of certain property; 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 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; 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 until July 1, 1999, a pilot entrance fee program and rates for entry into Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. All monies collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund; provided, not less than one hundred percent (100%) of such monies collected shall be spent on repairs, upkeep or improvement of park areas in 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. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1996 (73 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 178), is amended to read as follows:

Section 178. A. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the funding for repairs, refurbishments and improvements to Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department properties and facilities, and may hold title to or a leasehold interest in the facilities until such time as the indebtedness created pursuant to this section shall be retired or defeased and shall lease such facilities to the Department. Upon the retirement of the indebtedness created pursuant to this section, the title to the facilities and improvements thereon shall be transferred from the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. Project costs are allocated in the following amounts:

<u>PARK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Langley (below dam)	
9 hole golf course	\$1,285,240.00
Clubhouse/maintenance barn	154,000.00
40 RV sites	132,000.00
RV dump station	8,250.00
Contingency	100,000.00

1 comfort station with shower	60,500.00
Eucha	
Comfort station with shower and sewer system	55,000.00
Disney (below dam)	
40 RV sites	132,000.00
RV dump station	8,250.00
1 comfort station with shower	60,500.00
Natural Falls - Colcord	
Community Building, RV Rally Area, and sewer system	238,700.00
Dripping Springs - Okmulgee	
Comfort station with showers	60,500.00
25 RV sites	82,500.00
Sewer system	57,200.00
Visitor center/park store	55,000.00
Texoma	
18 hole championship golf course	3,025,000.00
Clubhouse with grill	445,500.00
Roman Nose	
9 hole golf course expansion	767,525.00
Welcome Center	
Thackerville	575,000.00
Welcome Center	
Catoosa	500,000.00
Welcome Center	
Midwest City	500,000.00
Quartz Mountain Resort Park	
Lodge - 100 Rooms with banquet facilities and meeting rooms	<u>3,500,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,802,665.00

B. For the purpose of paying the costs of the projects authorized in subsection A of this section, the Authority is hereby authorized to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the leasing of such projects and, in anticipation of the collection of such income and revenues, to issue negotiable or competitive bonds not to exceed the sum of Twelve Million Six Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$12,685,000.00) as may be determined by the Authority. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department sufficient monies to make rental payments for purposes of retiring the debt created pursuant to this section.

C. The Authority may issue the bonds in one or more series and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority.

D. Insofar as they are not in conflict with the provisions of this section, the provisions of Section 151 et seq. of this title shall apply to this section.

E. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may revise such charges directly associated with such improvements from time to time whenever necessary to maximize revenues so as to contribute to the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds. All

revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of this section not otherwise committed for other lawful purposes shall be placed in the 1995 Tourism Bond Revolving Fund, as created in Section 179 of this title.

F. All interest earned on any reserve funds created by such bonds held by the State Treasurer, as collected, shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

G. If any of the lodge facilities involved are sold to private entities, at any time in the future, prior to the payment of the bonds issued by virtue of this act, the amount received shall first be used to pay any unredeemed bonds for such facilities.

H. Provided that the security for these bonds is not adversely affected, certain project cost allocations, as identified in this section, may be used for the following expanded purpose:

Langley - contingency of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) may also be used to fund the costs of feasibility studies for proposed golf courses and to develop the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. 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.