

SHORT TITLE: State government; authorizing pilot entrance fee programs at certain state park; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 263

By: Littlefield

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to tourism and recreation; 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 Dripping Springs State Park in Delaware County; modifying expenditure of certain moneys; modifying language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. 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, however, nothing in this paragraph shall allow the charging of admission fees to any state park. Provided, however, the Division of Parks may establish a pilot entrance fee program and rates for entry into Dripping Springs State Park in Delaware County. All moneys collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund; provided, not less than eighty-five percent (85%) of such moneys collected shall be spent on repairs, upkeep or improvement of park areas in ~~Pawnee Bill~~ Dripping Springs 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 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. 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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