STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1020 By: Hutchison

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An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 7, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 7), which relates to the Governor's Mansion; authorizing certain expenses; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1811), which relates to the Division of Parks; extending date for certain pilot program; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811.4, which relates to the State Capitol Park; removing Governor's Mansion from inclusion in the State Capitol Park; authorizing certain private contracts; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1816, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1998 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1816), which relates to unclassified positions; modifying employee positions included in the unclassified service; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 7, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma is hereby authorized, at the expense of the state, and within the limitations of the appropriation authorized below, to maintain in such manner as the governor deems necessary and appropriate, the mansion provided for his occupancy by the State of Oklahoma and to pay all expenses connected with said occupancy. Such expenses shall include food, entertainment and such other expenditures as would be necessary and proper for the Governor, ~~his~~ the family and ~~his~~ the guests of the

Governor when the duties of the Office of Governor dictate such expenditures. The expense of the occupancy and upkeep of ~~said~~ the Governor's Mansion, including maintenance of the mansion grounds, shall be from funds appropriated annually by the Legislature from the General Revenue Fund for such purposes. The funds shall be paid monthly upon a claim approved by the Governor of Oklahoma. The Governor shall deposit such funds in a separate account and shall keep a separate record of all expenditures. At the end of the fiscal year, the Governor shall submit an itemized report, or final accounting, of such expenditures to the State Auditor and Inspector. Such report shall be a public record and shall be made available for inspection upon demand.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, 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~~ 2001, 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 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1811.4 A. "State Capitol Park" shall consist of all portions of the State Capitol grounds and within such boundaries as are located in the State Capitol Complex, to include ~~the Governor's Mansion and~~ all properties within the public right-of-way along Lincoln Boulevard north from the north boundary line of Northeast 13th Street to the south boundary line of Northeast 28th Street and along Business Route 66, known as Northeast 23rd Street, from the east edge of Santa Fe Street east to the west edge of Kelley Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as designated on the amended plat filed in the office of the Secretary of State as File Number 155 in the

State Property Records. The State Capitol Park shall not include the Governor's Mansion.

B. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the State Capitol Park.

C. The Commission may contract with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Office of Public Affairs, the City of Oklahoma City, or any other entity, private or public, for the purpose of landscaping, beautification, capital improvement, operation, and maintenance of the State Capitol Park.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1816, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1998 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1816), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1816. A. The offices and positions of Director, the Directors of heads of the Divisions of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department herein created and the assistant director of each division and secretary of each shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be subject to the Merit System of Personnel Administration. Each division shall have one assistant director, except for the Parks Division which shall have ~~two assistants, one for interpretative services and one for park operations~~ one assistant and one capitol programs administrator.

B. Any position in the Traveler Response Information Program within the Division of Travel and Recreation Department which is filled after the effective date of this act shall be placed in the unclassified service.

C. Any position in the Division of Oklahoma Today Magazine of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department which is filled after the effective date of this act shall be placed in the unclassified service. No employee in the Division who is currently in the

classified service shall be placed in the unclassified service without his or her consent.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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