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An Act relating to tourism and recreation; amending Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1997, and Section 4, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 1996 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 1811.5A and 1904), which relate to Dripping Springs State Park and the Oklahoma Recreation and Development Act; requiring the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to provide certain signage and materials; changing the name of certain state parks; increasing certain funds available to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1811.5A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1811.5A A. 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.

B. Sallisaw State Park located in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Brushy Lake State Park". All references to Sallisaw State Park located in Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, shall mean Brushy Lake State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide for this name change in future signage and information materials.

C. Beaver State Park located in Beaver County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Beaver Dunes State Park". All references to Beaver

State Park located in Beaver County, Oklahoma, shall mean Beaver Dunes State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide for this name change in future signage and information materials.

D. Heavener State Park located in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Heavener-Runestone State Park". All references to Heavener State Park located in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, shall mean Heavener-Runestone State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide for this name change in future signage and information materials.

E. Wister State Park located in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Lake Wister State Park". All references to Wister State Park located in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, shall mean Lake Wister State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide for this name change in future signage and information materials.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 1996 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1904), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1904. A. The Oklahoma Recreation and Development Revolving Fund and income from investment of the monies of the fund may be expended for the following purposes:

1. The development of public recreation and tourism facilities;
2. The major maintenance and retrofitting of public recreation and tourism facilities for compliance with federal accessibility requirements;
3. The preparation of planning and research documents for public recreation and tourism facilities or products;
4. The protection or preservation of lands or rights in land for public recreational and tourism use or for environmental importance or scenic beauty;

5. The implementation of special demonstration projects which show merit for recreation and tourism, but do not fit explicitly into another category of eligibility;

6. The development of facilities ~~that~~ which have a historical purpose and which utilize historical resources, such as reenactments, interpretive exhibits and public accessibility; and

7. Costs of administering the fund, which shall not exceed the greater of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or two percent (2%) of the funds allocated to projects in a fiscal year.

B. Expenditures authorized in subsection A of this section may be made in the form of grants to sponsors legally constituted to provide public tourism or recreation, provided:

1. The grant is used for a purpose authorized by subsection A of this section; and

2. The grant is matched by the recipient entity to the extent of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the project, of which at least fifty percent (50%) of the match is in cash. A waiver of the match requirements is allowable with ~~recommendation of the Oklahoma Recreation and Development Revolving Fund Advisory Board and~~ approval of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

C. The total expenditures from the Recreation and Development Revolving Fund in any fiscal year for the development of public recreation and tourism facilities, planning studies and other eligible projects shall be allotted in accordance with rules developed ~~by the Board~~ and adopted by the Commission. In no case shall greater than ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ forty percent (40%) of the available funds be allocated to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for project grants received either as a sponsor or as a recipient.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives