

EHB 1020

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, March 29, 1999

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Bill No. 1020

5 As Amended

6 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1020 - By: HUTCHISON of the House and
7 HERBERT of the Senate.

8 (tourism - amending 74 O.S., Sections 7, 1811 and 1816 -
9 Governor's Mansion - State Capitol Park -

10 effective date)

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

14 Section 7. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma is hereby
15 authorized, at the expense of the state, and within the limitations
16 of the appropriation authorized below, to maintain in such manner as
17 the governor deems necessary and appropriate, the mansion provided
18 for his occupancy by the State of Oklahoma and to pay all expenses
19 connected with said occupancy. Such expenses shall include food,
20 entertainment and such other expenditures as would be necessary and
21 proper for the Governor, ~~his~~ the family and ~~his~~ the guests of the
22 Governor when the duties of the Office of Governor dictate such
23 expenditures. The expense of the occupancy and upkeep of ~~said~~ the
24 Governor's Mansion shall be from funds appropriated annually by the

1 Legislature from the General Revenue Fund for such purposes. The
2 funds shall be paid monthly upon a claim approved by the Governor of
3 Oklahoma. The Governor shall deposit such funds in a separate
4 account and shall keep a separate record of all expenditures. At
5 the end of the fiscal year, the Governor shall submit an itemized
6 report, or final accounting, of such expenditures to the State
7 Auditor and Inspector. Such report shall be a public record and
8 shall be made available for inspection upon demand.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as
10 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp.
11 1998, Section 1811), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 2. Administer state parks, establish rules and regulations for
2 the use of public recreation facilities therein and establish
3 rentals for the use of lands or interests therein; provided,
4 however, nothing in this paragraph shall allow the charging of
5 admission fees to any state park. Provided further, however, the
6 Division of Parks may establish until July 1, ~~1999~~ 2001, a pilot
7 entrance fee program and rates for entry into Natural Falls State
8 Park in Delaware County. All monies collected shall be deposited to
9 the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund;
10 provided, not less than one hundred percent (100%) of such monies
11 collected shall be spent on repairs, upkeep or improvement of park
12 areas in Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. Within sixty
13 (60) days of the end of the pilot program, the Division shall
14 prepare an evaluation of the program and recommendations for
15 continuation, termination or expansion of the program. The
16 evaluation shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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

22 4. Commission any officer or employee who is certified pursuant
23 to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes as a park

1 ranger as the Department deems necessary to secure the parks and
2 property of the Department and to maintain law and order therein.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1816, as
4 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1998 (74 O.S. Supp.
5 1998, Section 1816), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & RECREATION, dated
5 3-25-99 - DO PASS, As Amended.