ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1041

By: Erwin of the House

and

Rabon of the Senate

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. 2000, 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 signage and information materials; changing the name of state parks; establishing a state park; authorizing the Tourism and Recreation Department to lease specified land in the name of the State of Oklahoma for purposes of state parks; deleting requirement for recommendation by Oklahoma Recreation and Development Revolving Fund Board for waiver of matching fund requirement; increasing funds available to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department from Recreation and Development Revolving Fund; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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. 2000, 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 LeFlore County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Heavener-Runestone State Park". All references to Heavener State Park located in Poteau, LeFlore 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 LeFlore County, Oklahoma, is hereby renamed "Lake Wister State Park". All references to Wister State Park located in Poteau, LeFlore 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.

F. 1. Effective July 1, 2001, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission is hereby authorized to lease, in the name of the State of Oklahoma, such lands and area located within the Lake Hugo area in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, which are under control and direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, as the Commission may determine to be adaptable and sufficient for the purposes of locating and establishing an Oklahoma state park and park facilities, and under such terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to the United States Army Corps of Engineers in charge. The park shall be known as the Hugo Lake State Park.

2. To the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission is hereby authorized to operate and maintain Hugo Lake State Park.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 1996 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, 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 July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate