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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Tuesday, April 3, 2001**

**ENGROSSED**

**House Bill No. 1041**

**As Amended**

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

1 Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide  
2 for such name change in current and future signage and information  
3 materials.

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

10 C. Beaver State Park located in Beaver County, Oklahoma, is  
11 hereby renamed "Beaver Dunes State Park". All references to Beaver  
12 State Park located in Beaver County, Oklahoma, shall mean Beaver  
13 Dunes State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department  
14 shall provide for this name change in future signage and information  
15 materials.

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

22 E. Wister State Park located in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, is  
23 hereby renamed "Lake Wister State Park". All references to Wister

1 State Park located in Poteau, LeFlore County, Oklahoma, shall mean  
2 Lake Wister State Park. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
3 Department shall provide for this name change in future signage and  
4 information materials.

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

15 2. To the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature  
16 **for that specific purpose,** the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
17 Commission is hereby authorized to operate and maintain Hugo Lake  
18 State Park.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 1996  
20 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1904), is amended to read as follows:

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

- 1           1. The development of public recreation and tourism facilities;
- 2           2. The major maintenance and retrofitting of public recreation  
3 and tourism facilities for compliance with federal accessibility  
4 requirements;
- 5           3. The preparation of planning and research documents for  
6 public recreation and tourism facilities or products;
- 7           4. The protection or preservation of lands or rights in land  
8 for public recreational and tourism use or for environmental  
9 importance or scenic beauty;
- 10          5. The implementation of special demonstration projects which  
11 show merit for recreation and tourism, but do not fit explicitly  
12 into another category of eligibility;
- 13          6. The development of facilities ~~that~~ which have a historical  
14 purpose and which utilize historical resources, such as  
15 reenactments, interpretive exhibits and public accessibility; and
- 16          7. Costs of administering the fund, which shall not exceed the  
17 greater of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or two percent (2%)  
18 of the funds allocated to projects in a fiscal year.
- 19          B. Expenditures authorized in subsection A of this section may  
20 be made in the form of grants to sponsors legally constituted to  
21 provide public tourism or recreation, provided:
- 22           1. The grant is used for a purpose authorized by subsection A  
23 of this section; and

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

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

17           SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

18           SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & RECREATION, dated  
23 3-29-01 - DO PASS, As Amended.