

HOUSE BILL No. 2738

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning the secretary of wildlife and parks; amending K.S.A.
10 2009 Supp. 32-801 and repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 32-801 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows: 32-801. (a) In order to reorganize the administration, planning
15 and regulation of the state's parks, wildlife and other natural resources,
16 there is hereby established within the executive branch of government
17 the Kansas department of wildlife and parks, which shall be administered
18 under the direction and supervision of a secretary of wildlife and parks
19 who shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate
20 as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as pro-
21 vided by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed
22 as secretary shall exercise any power, duty or function as secretary until
23 confirmed by the senate.

24 (b) ~~The secretary shall be fully qualified by education, training and~~
25 ~~experience in wildlife, parks or natural resources, or a related field, and~~
26 ~~shall have a demonstrated executive and administrative ability to dis-~~
27 ~~charge the duties of the office of secretary.~~ The secretary shall serve at
28 the pleasure of the governor. The secretary shall be in the unclassified
29 service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary
30 to be fixed by the governor.

31 (c) The provisions of the Kansas governmental operations accounta-
32 bility law apply to the Kansas department of wildlife and parks, and the
33 department is subject to audit, review and evaluation under such law.

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 32-801 is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.