

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM AND PARKS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hutchins at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Lura Attig, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Ray Merrick  
Tony DeRossett, Kansas Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  
Kim Douglas, Mid-Kansas Community Action Program

Steve M. Swaffar, Natural Resources, Kansas Farm Bureau  
Tony Kimmi, Farm Bureau Insurance Company  
Chris, Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Hutchins appointed a three-person subcommittee to study and report on **HB 2668**, the deer bill introduced by Representatives Clay Aurand, and Sharon Schwartz. Representative Ray Merrick will chair, and Representatives Gary Hayzlett and Tom Thull will be the subcommittee members. The subcommittee will report to the committee by Monday, February 23, 2004.

The February 4, 2004, minutes were submitted to the committee for approval. Representative Margaret Long made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Representative Judy Morrison seconded. The minutes were approved without amendment.

**Hearing: HB 2731 - Provision on hunting license application for voluntary contribution to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**

**Proponents:**

Representative Ray Merrick spoke in support of this bill. This is both an opportunity to control deer population and to do something for the hungry and needy in our state.

Tony DeRossett, Director, Kansas and Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (Attachment 1). "Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry" is a simple concept. Hunters harvest the deer, drop it at a participating processor, where it is ground into two-pound packages of burger. FHFH pays for the processing and distributes it to local food pantries and food kitchens. FHFH began in 1997 in Maryland. A teacher was heading out to hunt deer and saw a woman stopped along the highway. Thinking she was stranded with car trouble, he stopped to offer assistance. She was trying to load a deer (that had been hit by a vehicle), into her trunk to feed her hungry children and herself. He decided there had to be a better way and that is how FHFH began.

The ex-teacher from Maryland was contacted in the summer of 2001, to inquire about bringing the program to Kansas. After discussions with and support from Kansas RC&D Councils and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, "Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry" was born.

The founder in Maryland suggested we should set a modest goal of raising the funds to pay for the program and getting ten deer donated and distributed. The first year, there were 180 deer donated which

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ultimately could have fed thousands of people. With the support of Wildlife and Parks and the Insurance Commissioner, we met with several insurance companies which put together a combined donation of \$15,000 which funded the program for another year. This directly addresses the hunger issue by supplying a critical protein source that would otherwise be absent from the diet of many needy Kansans. In 2003, deer meat was donated to 50 different food pantries. Thirty different food pantries between Lawrence and Kansas City have yet to receive a deer meat donation.

Kim Douglas, Community Service Coordinator, Mid-Kansas Community Action Program, a nonprofit organization that helps low income families become independent, supports this program. Many needy families are fed through this food pantry. The venison distributed has given the individuals the protein they desperately need to supplement their diet. Not one person has refused to accept the venison.

### **Written:**

Steve M. Swaffar, Director, Natural Resources, Farm Bureau (Attachment 2). Kansas Farm Bureau supports the concept of the FHFH program and has financially supported the program the last two years. The program benefits farmers and ranchers by reducing the deer herds that cause damage to crops, fences and other personal property. The program has a positive benefit to local food banks and shelters. Hunters now have an opportunity to donate venison that may otherwise go to waste.

Tony Kimmi, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company supports **HB 2731**. Farm Bureau believes the "Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry" (FHFH) is a valuable program that deserves support (Attachment 3).

### **Neutral:**

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (Attachment 4). The Department is neutral regarding **HB 2731**. This bill would require the Secretary of the Department to include a provision on hunting license forms that allows for the collection of a two-dollar donation to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. It would also create a separate fund for the collection of the donations in the state treasury. The Department does not stand opposed to this bill. Redrafting of the forms and the provisions for electronic donation through electronic purchases of licenses would cost the Department approximately \$8,400 for the first year of implementation. If passed, this bill could spur additional legislation by other nonprofit conservation organizations.

**Opponents:** None

### **Committee Questions:**

Representative Flaharty asked Chris Tymeson. We have other donation programs such as the Chickadee Checkoff. How many voluntarily participate in the Chickadee Checkoff and how would the \$2 donation for deer compare and what amount could potentially be donated? Chris Tymeson replied that the Chickadee Checkoff receives approximately \$120,000 annually. If every hunter donated \$2 to FHFH, it could be as high as \$200,000.

Representative Merrick stated that the bill is written that \$2 or more can be donated.

Representative Ruff asked how could one donate without being a hunter? Chris Tymeson replied that it is possible the Department of Wildlife and Parks could place information online for interested persons to make donations.

Representative Osborne asked, can road kill deer be processed? Chris Tymeson replied, if a Conservation officer gets on the site quickly, it is donated to persons who are on a donation list, who pay their own processing fees. Tony DeRosset, Director, "Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry" replied, a road killed deer cannot be used for FHFH program because of bone fragments and other liability issues.

Chairperson Hutchins asked Tony DeRossett, if this legislation is not passed, how do you get the word out for people to donate to your cause? He replied that Wildlife and Parks has listed the program in their

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regulation book. Mr. DeRossett has also spoken on radio shows and articles have appeared in the printed media. Chairperson Hutchins asked Mr. DeRossett how much it costs the program to process a deer. He replied. It costs the program around \$60.

Representative Schaub asked, is the \$8,400 just for printing, is it to reprint the licenses? Chris Tymeson answered it is to retool the hunting license process and reprint the licenses next year, this year's licenses are already printed.

Chairperson Hutchins asked how many online applications are there? Chris Tymeson answered, you cannot buy a deer permit online. He will research the number of hunting licenses sold online and notify Chairman Hutchins. Chairperson Hutchins asked what would be the cost to implement it online? Chris Tymeson replied, \$6,800.

Chairperson Hutchins closed the hearing on **HB 2731**.

Committee deliberation on **HB 2573** - Fishing, removing license requirement for designated assistant.

Representative Merrick moved for the adoption of an amendment which would add hunting to those who would not be required to hold licenses when acting as an attendant to the disabled and moves that we adopt the amendment (Attachment 5). Motion seconded by Representative Hayzlett. Motion carried. A vote was taken on adopting a balloon of the amendment. The amendment was adopted.

Committee discussion followed.

Chairperson Hutchins asked Chris Tymeson how would that effect the fiscal note? Chris Tymeson replied the approximate fiscal impact of the removal of the hunting licensure would be \$1,368, plus an additional \$576 in federal aid lost, bringing the total fiscal impact of the bill to \$2,619 (Attachment 6).

Representative Novascone moved for the favorable passage of **HB 2573** as amended. Motion seconded by Representative Merrick. Motion passed favorably.

Hank Avila, Legislative Research gave his report to the committee on **HB 2557**, Menninger Memorial Park as a state park. Chairperson Hutchins had requested three questions be answered in the report on **HB 2557**. 1. Is there any stipulation on the park name? 2. Are property taxes are current? 3. What are the specifics regarding the donation, will it come from Menninger?

Staff distributed a map which illustrated the property in question (Attachment 7). 1. Staff had recently communicated with the Chairman and CEO of the Menninger Foundation. Menninger prefers the park be named Menninger Memorial Park. 2. Technically, Menninger is selling that land to River Hills Estate (LLC, just formed July 24, 2003). On March 1, 2004, River Hills Estate is going to execute a contract with Menninger to purchase the land. Then River Hills Estate will donate that land to the State of Kansas. 3. The property in question is valued at twenty million dollars. When Menninger left Kansas, they lost their charitable status and the value of the land went up due to being classified as commercial rather than charitable. In response to Chairperson Hutchins' question, staff stated that the tax status was current.

Representative Merrick asked what kind of development is planned near the park site? Hank Avila replied homes are to be built on adjacent property.

Committee deliberation on **HB 2557** - Menninger Memorial Park as a state park.

Representative Merrick offered an amendment to **HB 2557**, section (c), taking out the Menninger name and naming it "Free State" State Park, hours limited to the same hours of the parks in the city of Topeka, except for prescheduled events can be open later. (d)Valid motor vehicle permit must be used. (Attachment 8) Representative Merrick made a motion to adopt the amendment, Representative Novascone seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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Committee discussion followed.

Representative Tom Thull asked whether walkers and hikes using the park would need to pay since vehicles had to pay.

Governor Mike Hayden, Secretary, Wildlife and Parks, answered that this had been debated and it was agreed that only vehicles need a park permit.

Representative Flaharty moved to strike part (d) A valid park and recreation motor vehicle permit shall be required to use "Free State" state park regardless of whether the user uses a motor vehicle within the park. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee discussion followed.

Representative Merrick supports the proposed amendment to strike part (d).

Representative Flaharty asked, are we assuming the donation is going to happen? Governor Mike Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Wildlife and Parks answered, we would hope that the donation would take place the next year, perhaps March 2005. If the donation does not come through we can repeal the language next year.

Representative Osborne made a substitute motion to strike "Free State" and name the park "The Oregon California Trail State Park." Seconded by Representative Morrison. The substitute motion was defeated. "Free State" state park stands.

Representative Osborne had previously requested KWLP to furnish a map showing the Oregon California Trail. The map shows the Oregon California Trail as it continues from the Historical Society going north and crosses the Kaw River to the West of this site. This property is sandwiched between two major crossings of the Kaw River. We do not have anything named to honor the influence of the trail. That is why the name should be "The Oregon California Trail State Park."

Committee discussion followed.

Representative O'Malley asked, are the donors requesting the park be named Menninger Memorial State Park? Staff replied, Menninger would like the park named after them, but they are not actually going to be the donor since they are selling the land and the new owner plans to donate it.

Representative Novascone, what is "Free State"? Chairperson Hutchins answered that Kansas came in as a free state and entry to the park is free.

Representative Morrison made a motion to accept the bill as amended, named "Free State" state park and (c) the hours of operation. Seconded by Representative Merrick. A vote was taken, motion carried.

Representative Thull moves that we pass **HB 2557** as amended favorable for passage. Representative Morrison seconded. A show of hands indicated motion carried 8 to 2.

Announcements: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18. We will be hearing **HB 2710**-boating; requirements; penalties; healthcare records and will be working **HB 2604**- Licensing of boat dealers and certificates of number for use by dealer, spouse, employees and customers and **HB 2731**-Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.



Tony DeRossett

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) is a simple concept. Hunters harvest deer and drop them at participating processors where they are ground into 2lbs packages of burger. FHFH pays for the processing and distributes the meat to LOCAL food pantries. FHFH began in 1997 in Maryland. A teacher heading to the field to deer hunt passed a woman stranded along the highway. Thinking she had a flat tire, he stopped to assist. After stopping, he found that she did not have a flat, but was trying to load a deer that had been hit by a car into her trunk to feed her hungry children and herself. Having helped her with the deer and sent her on her way he thought to himself "there has to be a better way". It was that moment that this program began.

We contacted that Maryland ex-teacher in the summer of 2001 and asked about bringing FHFH to Kansas. Following a few months of discussions, with support from the Kansas RC&D Councils and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry was born. The founder in Maryland suggested that because we had SO much to established in our first year we should set a modest goal of raising the money to pay for and getting 10 deer donated for distribution. We did a bit better and had 180 deer donated feeding roughly 36,000 hungry Kansas' in the very first year. The next year was more successful; we had 418 deer donated. That's a 130% increase. This huge growth put us in the red with our budget and in the summer of 2003, we were not sure that we would be able to accept deer in the fall due to a lack of funds. Then, with a support of the Insurance commissioner and Secretary of KDWP we met with representatives from several insurance companies that donated a combined total of \$15,000 funding our entire budget this past fall, paying for a reduced but appreciated 217 deer. It is funding like this and other multidimensional means that will help to grow this program to it's fullest potential. That is what brings me here today.

FHFH brings a positive to many challenges faced on a state level. First and most obvious, HUNGER. We are supplying a critical protein source that would otherwise be absent from many Kansas' diets. Next, we have deer management. KDWP has done practically all it can to increase doe harvest in areas with high populations. But, very few hunters will harvest more deer than they will eat (1 maybe 2). FHFH gives them a way to buy additional tags and spend more time in the woods doing what they love. And at the same time helping to manage the Kansas herd. Next, we have the farmers who have much of their crops devastated by deer mowing down the first 15 rows of EVERY field they have. Finally, how about all

those deer lying beside the highways. I am certain that at least one of these issues affects each of us.

Page 1 shows that since 1998 we have had approximately 10,000 deer/auto accidents in Kansas each year. Costing the insurance companies and us dearly and for a select few it has cost their lives.

Pages 2,3, &4 show the nearly 50 food pantries and food kitchens that received meat from KSFHFH in 2002.

Pages 5 & 6 address the question of whether we could run out of places to donate the meat. We initially distribute it within the community it was donated then expand to a wider market as needed. These pages show approximately 30 food pantries and kitchens between Kansas City and Lawrence that have NOT yet received any venison.

Pages 7,8,9, &10 show a small bit of the appreciation that comes from this priceless donation.



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## **PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT**

### **House Tourism and Parks Committee**

#### **RE: HB 2731 Concerning Voluntary Contributions to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**

**February 16, 2004  
Topeka, Kansas**

**Submitted by:  
Steve M. Swaffar, Director  
Natural Resources**

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Chairman Hutchins and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2731 concerning voluntary contributions to the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) program.

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) supports the concept by the FHFH program and has financially supported the program the last two years. KFB believes this program benefits our farmer and rancher members by reducing the deer herd that causes damage to crops, fences and other personal property. The program has a positive benefit to local food banks, shelters and other services to feed people in need. Additionally, the program can provide hunters an opportunity to donate venison that may otherwise go to waste.

Since the program proposed by HB 2731 is a voluntary program, we do not believe it imposes any unnecessary burden on hunters or other citizens. The program should appeal to those individuals committed to responsible deer herd management and providing food to those in need. Contributions proposed by HB 2731 could provide additional income to the program that would allow for expansion statewide. We hope that additional contributions will be used to expand the program to other areas of the state and make this opportunity available to a broader section of the Kansas citizenry.

We urge the committee to act favorably on HB 2731. We hope you can see the value this program can provide to farmers and ranchers and to charitable food providers.

*Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.*



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**House tourism & Parks COMMITTEE**

**RE: HB 2731 Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry Funding**

**February 16, 2004  
Topeka, Kansas**

**Presented by:  
Tony Kimmi  
Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company**

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Chairman Hutchins, and members of the House Park and Tourism Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of H.B. 2731. I am Tony Kimmi and I represent Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. H.B. 2731 seeks to amend existing portions of the law as well as to add an additional section which offers hunters the option of donating money to support the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry program.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company believes the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) is a valuable program that deserves support for several reasons:

1. FHFH allows hunters to donate the deer they don't want for their own use to food banks across Kansas which helps feed Kansans in need.
2. FHFH allows hunters the opportunity to take more deer than they would normally take which reduces the deer population. This reduction in deer logically leads to a reduction in auto-deer collisions in the state.
3. The potential reduction in auto-deer collisions reduces insurance claims for vehicle damage and medical claims, thus mitigating loss costs which are used to calculate insurance premiums.
4. FHFH allows landowners to open up their land for recreational hunting without the fear of the venison going to waste.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company believes in the benefits of this program so much that we have made a donation to FHFH in 2003 to help keep this program viable. We encourage the passage of this bill because this gives hunters the option of donating money to a worthy program which allows them to enjoy the sport of hunting while at the same time donating venison to the needy at no processing cost to them.

I respectfully ask that you to support H.B. 2731 without amendment. Thank you.

Tony Kimmi  
Product Development VP  
Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

# KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**Testimony on HB 2731 relating to Farmer's and Hunters  
Feeding the Hungry Donations  
To  
House Committee on Tourism and Parks**

**By Christopher J. Tymeson  
Chief Legal Counsel  
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks**

**16 February 2004**

HB 2731 would require the Secretary of the Department to include a provision on hunting license forms that allows for the collection of a two-dollar donation to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. HB 2731 would also create a separate fund for the collection of the donations in the state treasury. The provisions of this bill would take effect July 1, 2004.

The Department does not stand opposed to the bill. However, it should be noted that the redrafting of the forms and the provisions for electronic donation through electronic purchases of licenses would cost the Department approximately an estimated \$8400 for the first year of implementation. In addition, the provision for the donation would not be available on 2004 hunting licenses in paper format as they have already been printed.

In addition, the Department would also note that enactment of this bill may also spur additional legislation from other nonprofit conservation organizations seeking similar assistance.

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House Tourism & Parks Committee  
Meeting Date 2-16-04  
Attachment 4

# HOUSE BILL No. 2573

By Committee on Appropriations

1-22

9 AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to ~~licensure of assistants~~ requirements for persons designated to assist  
10 for ~~disabled licensees~~; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-933 and re-  
11 pealing the existing section.

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

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-933 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 32-933. (a) Any person having a permanent physical or visual  
16 disability such that the person cannot safely hunt or fish in accordance  
17 with law and rules and regulations of the department, as certified by a  
18 person licensed to practice the healing arts in any state or a person li-  
19 censed to practice optometry in any state, shall be eligible to obtain a  
20 disability assistance permit. The permit shall allow the permitholder to  
21 designate another person to take, on behalf of and while accompanied by  
22 the permitholder, the permitholder's legal limit of game or fish. ~~For any~~  
23 ~~hunting activity, the person designated by the permitholder shall hold all~~  
24 ~~hunting licenses, permits, stamps or other issues of the department re-~~  
25 ~~quired for the hunting activity being engaged in and For any fishing~~ The  
26 ~~activity, the person designated by the permitholder shall not be required~~  
27 ~~to hold any fishing licenses, permits, stamps or any other issues of the~~  
28 ~~department otherwise required for the fishing activity being engaged in.~~ but  
29 ~~In all cases, the permitholder shall remain subject to all other laws and~~  
30 ~~rules and regulations of the department for the hunting or fishing activity~~  
31 ~~being engaged in. On the determination of the secretary, the disability~~  
32 ~~assistance permit may designate the hunting or fishing activity for which~~  
33 ~~assistance to the permitholder may be provided.~~

34 (b) The secretary shall adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and  
35 amendments thereto, rules and regulations providing for the approval of  
36 applicants for permits pursuant to subsection (a) and for the issuance of  
37 such permits.

38 (c) Falsely obtaining or using a permit authorized by this section is a  
39 class C misdemeanor.

40 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-933 is hereby repealed.

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

# KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**Supplemental Testimony on HB 2573 relating to Disability Assistance  
To  
House Committee on Parks and Tourism**

**By Christopher J. Tymeson  
Chief Legal Counsel  
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks**

**16 February 2004**

HB 2573 would not require a person assisting a disabled fishing permit holder to hold any fishing licenses, permits, stamps or other issues of the Department required for the fishing activity being engaged in. The provisions of the bill would take effect July 1, 2004.

As requested, the Department analyzed the bill in relation to an amendment removing the provisions dealing with licensure of the disabled person's assistant for hunting activities. The approximate fiscal impact of the removal of the hunting licensure would be \$1368, plus an additional \$576 in federal aid lost, bringing the total fiscal impact of the bill to \$2619.

The Department would like to note that some additional law enforcement problems may arise as a result of this bill and potential amendment, in the case of violations. For example, who is the responsible party when a violation occurs such as hunting without written permission, taking an overlimit of game or sport-fish, or taking game in violation of permit restrictions. A clear requirement should also be maintained that the disabled person must accompany the designated person to the field, at least to the level possible. The designated person should also be required to hold hunter education certification, if not exempt under current law, whenever hunting activities take place. And finally, the Department would note that any change under state law would only apply to state issues. Federal laws dictate additional requirements for species hunted under their jurisdiction, including the requirements associated with migratory birds and waterfowl.

The Department does not oppose the potential amendment or the bill itself. It is anticipated that most of the potential hunting assistants will already be licensed to hunt.

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This property ownership map is for tax purposes only. Shawnee County is not liable for use of the map for any purpose. This map is not intended for conveyances, nor is it a legal survey. This map and its contents are subject to change without prior notice.

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**HOUSE BILL No. 2557**

By Committee on Tourism and Parks

1-22

AN ACT concerning state parks; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-837 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-837 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-837. (a) The following parks have been designated as a part of the state park system: (1) Kanopolis-Mushroom Rock state park in Ellsworth county; (2) Cross Timbers state park at Toronto Lake in Woodson county; (3) Fall River state park in Greenwood county; (4) Cedar Bluff state park in Trego county; (5) Tuttle Creek state park in Pottawatomie and Riley counties; (6) Pomona state park in Osage county; (7) Cheney state park in Kingman and Reno counties; (8) Lake Crawford state park in Crawford county; (9) Lovewell state park in Jewell county; (10) Lake Meade state park in Meade county; (11) Prairie Dog state park in Norton county; (12) Webster state park in Rooks county; (13) Wilson state park in Russell county; (14) Milford state park in Geary county; (15) Lake Scott state park in Scott county; (16) Elk City state park in Montgomery county; (17) Perry state park in Jefferson county; (18) Glen Elder state park in Mitchell county; (19) El Dorado state park in Butler county; (20) Eisenhower state park in Osage county; (21) Clinton state park in Douglas and Shawnee counties; (22) Sand Hills state park in Reno county; and (23) Hillsdale state park in Miami county; and (24) ~~Menninger Memorial~~ state park in Shawnee county.

Free State

(b) No state park named in subsection (a) shall be removed from the state park system without legislative approval.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-837 is hereby repealed.

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

(c) The hours that Free State state park is open to the public may be limited to those hours that parks of the city of Topeka are open, except that Free State state park shall be open at all hours for prescheduled events.

(d) A valid park and recreation motor vehicle permit shall be required to use Free State state park regardless of whether the user uses a motor vehicle within the park.