

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PROPERTY/PUBLIC: Exempts certain state property in Lafourche Parish from state park size requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1684(D)(1), relative to state parks; to provide an exception
3 to state park size requirements; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:1684(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1684. Categories of classification

7 Each office of state parks holding will be identified and operated according
8 to the basic purpose for which it is established and will be selected, operated, and
9 identified according to the following classification categories and the criteria thereof:

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11 D. "State parks" are natural areas which, when evaluated on a statewide
12 basis, possess outstanding potential for recreation utilization. The natural area must
13 possess outstanding scenic and natural qualities to provide a recreation opportunity
14 of high quality in a natural setting.

15 The criteria for the selection of areas to be designated as state parks shall be:

16 (1) Size: A state park shall be of sufficient size to ensure efficient operation
17 and maintenance of its recreation facilities and have sufficient buffer to preserve the
18 natural integrity of the area.

19 All state parks, except those currently within the system, ~~and~~ those in Caddo
20 and Bossier Parishes, and those within Township 23 South - Range 22 East and

1 Township 23 South - Range 23 East, Lafourche Parish, must adhere to an absolute
 2 minimum size standard of two hundred fifty acres and preferred minimum size
 3 standard of four hundred acres. The secretary of the Department of Culture,
 4 Recreation and Tourism will determine in each case which minimum standard will
 5 be applicable.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to state park size requirements for an area within Lafourche Parish.

Present law provides criteria for the designation of property as a state park, including a minimum size requirement.

Present law contains exceptions for the state park size requirements for parks already in the park system and parks in Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish.

Proposed law adds an additional exception for parks located within Township 23 South - Range 22 East and Township 23 South - Range 23 East in Lafourche Parish.

(Amends R.S. 56:1684(D)(1))