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SENATE BILL NO. 172

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY. Authorizes certain state government entities to sell certain state-owned immovable property. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:1687(12), relative to state parks; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to sell certain state park lands and use the proceeds to create a new and improved state park within the boundaries of the political subdivision where the state park sold was located, and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:1687(12) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1687. Secretary, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; powers

The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism may:

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(12) Sell certain state park lands and use the proceeds of that sale to purchase land for a new, improved state park to be located within the boundaries of the political subdivision where the state park sold was located. Such sales and purchases shall be restricted to the purpose of creation of state park facilities that are determined by the secretary to be upgrades and improvements to the state park being sold.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Present law allows the secretary to enter into agreements with the federal government or any other agency, or both, for acquiring by lease, purchase, or otherwise, such lands that are desirable for office of state parks holdings.

Present law allows the secretary to make expenditures from any fund not otherwise obligated, for the management, development and utilization of such areas, to sell or otherwise dispose of products from such lands, and make any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the duties of the Department of Culture, recreation and tourism.

Present law authorizes the secretary to exchange lands when it is necessary to do so in order to obtain other lands of value by the office of state parks.

Present law requires the secretary to obtain permission of the legislature before exchanging an established state park for other lands of value.

Proposed law would allow the secretary to sell established state park lands and use the proceeds to acquire lands for a new and improved state park, to be located within the boundaries of the political subdivision that the state park sold was located.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:1687(12))