

1 AN ACT relating to the establishment of the Kentucky State Parks Centennial
2 Commission.

3 WHEREAS, the parks system of the Commonwealth of Kentucky will reach 100
4 years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth in 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, since its commencement in 1924 with the creation of Cumberland
6 State Park, now known as Pine Mountain State Park, the parks system has grown to
7 include 46 resorts, recreational parks, and historic sites throughout the Commonwealth;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the parks system provides recreational opportunities for hiking,
10 camping, boating, fishing, golfing, horseback riding, and caving within the naturally
11 beautiful landscapes of the Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, the parks system provides educational opportunities for the public to
13 experience the history of the Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, the parks system has contributed to the economic well-being of the
15 Commonwealth by drawing out-of-state tourists to its lakes, trails, and campgrounds; and

16 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth would be the poorer if the Kentucky State Parks
17 system had not been established;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

20 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO
21 READ AS FOLLOWS:

22 *(1) The Kentucky State Parks Centennial Commission is established to plan and*
23 *implement events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the state parks system in*
24 *2024. To accomplish its charge, the commission shall:*

25 *(a) Assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and*
26 *grant applications for park centennial events and projects;*

27 *(b) Coordinate events and activities with parties, commissions, and*

- 1 organizations wishing to participate in the centennial celebration;
- 2 (c) Seek funding sources such as foundations, line item appropriations, federal
- 3 grants, and philanthropic organizations;
- 4 (d) Create press, print, and electronic contacts that generate stories on a
- 5 continual basis; and
- 6 (e) Perform other duties necessary to highlight Kentucky's parks system during
- 7 its 100th year.
- 8 (2) The Kentucky State Parks Centennial Commission shall consist of the following
- 9 eleven (11) members:
- 10 (a) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or his or her
- 11 designee;
- 12 (b) One (1) additional member from the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet,
- 13 appointed by the secretary;
- 14 (c) One (1) member from the Kentucky Historical Society, appointed by the
- 15 head of that agency;
- 16 (d) One (1) member from the Kentucky Heritage Council, appointed by the
- 17 head of that agency;
- 18 (e) Four (4) members selected by the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and
- 19 Heritage Cabinet who work in onsite park leadership; and
- 20 (f) Three (3) citizen members, one (1) of whom shall be designated as the
- 21 chairperson appointed by the Governor.
- 22 (3) The Kentucky State Parks Centennial Commission shall be attached to the
- 23 Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for administrative purposes only.
- 24 (4) The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2024.