2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

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

21   Township 23 South - Range 23 East, Lafourche Parish, must adhere to an absolute

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1   minimum size standard of two hundred fifty acres and preferred minimum size

2   standard of four hundred acres. The secretary of the Department of Culture,

3   Recreation and Tourism will determine in each case which minimum standard will

4   be applicable.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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