

1 SB135
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3 By Senator Elliott
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Joint Legislative Committee on State Parks consists of 12 members.

This bill would provide for the appointment of two additional committee members.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Joint Legislative Committee on State Parks; to amend Section 9-14A-21 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for the appointment of two additional members.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 9-14A-21, Code of Alabama 1975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§9-14A-21.

"(a) Any appropriations made herein shall be subject to the study, review, concurrence, and approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on State Parks, previously established under the name of Alabama State Parks System Joint Study

1 Committee, which is hereby created. The Joint Legislative
2 Committee on State Parks is created to study, review, and
3 concur in the long-range capital plan for restoration of
4 existing state park facilities and the acquisition of new
5 state park facilities. The joint committee shall be composed
6 of a total of 12 members, as follows: The six members serving
7 on the Alabama State Parks System Joint Study Committee on May
8 23, 2000; the Chair of the Senate Conservation, Environment
9 and Natural Resources Committee and the Chair of the House
10 Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee; two
11 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Governor; and two
12 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
13 Governor. The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation
14 and Natural Resources, the Director of Finance, and the
15 Director of the State Parks Division shall serve as advisors
16 to the committee. Effective beginning with the Organizational
17 Session in January 2003, and continuing thereafter, the joint
18 committee shall consist of ~~12~~ the following members ~~appointed~~
19 ~~as follows~~: Three members of the House of Representatives
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House; ~~two~~ three members of
21 the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; ~~one~~ two
22 ~~member~~ members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate; two members of the Senate appointed by
24 the Governor; two members of the House of Representatives
25 appointed by the Governor; the Chair of the Senate
26 ~~Conservation, Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture,
27 Conservation, and Forestry Committee or successor department

1 by whatever name it is known; and the Chair of the House
2 Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee.

3 "The members currently serving as chair and vice
4 chair of the Alabama State Parks System Joint Study Committee
5 shall continue to serve in those capacities with annual
6 rotations, during the current quadrennium. All appointing
7 authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that
8 diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is
9 reflective of the makeup of this state.

10 "Effective beginning with the Organizational Session
11 in January 2003, and continuing each quadrennium thereafter,
12 the committee shall, at its initial meeting, elect from its
13 members a chair and vice chair from the Senate and House and
14 the chairs shall rotate annually between the two legislative
15 chambers thereafter. The committee shall convene its initial
16 meeting within 30 days following the Organizational Session in
17 January 2003, and subsequent meetings shall be either as
18 agreed at a prior meeting, at the call of the chair, at the
19 written request of any four members or at the call of the
20 Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural
21 Resources.

22 "(b) Members of the committee shall be appointed for
23 a four-year term concurrent with the members' elected terms of
24 office. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
25 original appointment for the remainder of the term.

1 "(c) Upon request of the chair, the Secretary of the
2 Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide such clerical
3 assistance as the committee's work may require.

4 "(d) Each member of the committee shall be entitled
5 to his or her regular legislative compensation, his or her per
6 diem and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
7 meeting of the committee which shall be paid out of any funds
8 appropriated to the use of the Legislature, upon warrants
9 drawn on the state Comptroller upon requisitions signed by the
10 chair of the committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no
11 member shall receive additional legislative compensation or
12 per diem when the Legislature is in session or if a member is
13 being paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance
14 of other state business."

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.