

SENATE BILL No. 331

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning the department of wildlife, parks and tourism;
2 relating to state parks; **establishing the Flint Hills advisory council;**
3 **designating Flint Hills trail state park and Little Jerusalem Badlands**
4 **state park; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 32-837 and repealing the**
5 **existing section.**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 **New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Flint Hills**
9 **advisory council. The council shall study and assess the development,**
10 **staffing, maintenance and promotion of the Flint Hills nature trail.**
11 **The council shall report its findings and recommendations to the**
12 **Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism on a quarterly**
13 **basis.**

14 **(b) The Flint Hills advisory council shall consist of the following**
15 **members:**

16 ~~**(1) The Kansas house of representatives member who represents**~~
17 ~~**Kansas' 68th state house district, who shall serve as the chairperson of**~~
18 ~~**the Flint Hills advisory council**~~ {Two members of the Kansas
19 legislature who reside in a district adjoining the Flint Hills nature
20 trail, or the members' designees, one to be appointed by the president
21 of the senate and one to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
22 representatives};

23 **(2) one county commissioner of Miami county, or the**
24 **commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county**
25 **commissioners of Miami county;**

26 **(3) one resident of an incorporated city within Miami county{,**
27 **or the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing body of the**
28 **county seat;**

29 **(4) one county commissioner of Franklin county, or the**
30 **commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county**
31 **commissioners of Franklin county;**

32 **(5) one resident of an incorporated city within Franklin county{,**
33 **or the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing body of**
34 **the county seat;**

1 (6) one county commissioner of Osage county, or the
2 commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county
3 commissioners of Osage county;

4 (7) one resident of an incorporated city within Osage county{, or
5 the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing body of the
6 county seat;

7 (8) one county commissioner of Lyon county, or the
8 commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county
9 commissioners of Lyon county;

10 (9) one resident of an incorporated city within Lyon county{, or
11 the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing body of the
12 county seat;

13 (10) one county commissioner of Morris county, or the
14 commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county
15 commissioners of Morris county;

16 (11) one resident of an incorporated city within Morris county{,
17 or the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing body of
18 the county seat;

19 (12) one county commissioner of Dickinson county, or the
20 commissioner's designee, to be appointed by the board of county
21 commissioners of Dickinson county; and

22 (13) one resident of an incorporated city within Dickinson
23 county{, or the resident's designee,} to be appointed by the governing
24 body of the ~~county~~ {county} seat.

25 (c){ The member appointed in subsection (b)(1) by the speaker of
26 the house of representatives shall serve as the first chairperson of the
27 Flint Hills advisory council and the member appointed in subsection
28 (b)(1) by the president of the senate shall serve as the first vice-
29 chairperson of the council. The position of chairperson and vice-
30 chairperson shall alternate annually upon the first meeting of the
31 council in each calendar year.

32 (d){ (1) Members of the Flint Hills advisory council shall be
33 appointed no later than August 1, 2018. Any vacancy in the
34 membership of the council shall be filled by appointment in the same
35 manner prescribed in this section for the original appointment.}

36 (2) The council shall meet quarterly and at the call of the
37 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the council.

38 ~~(d)~~{(e)} The members of the Flint Hills advisory council shall be
39 appointed for terms not to exceed three years and, with the exception
40 of the chairperson {and vice-chairperson}, shall serve no more than
41 two consecutive terms. The initial terms for the members will be
42 staggered as follows:

43 (1) Members appointed in subsection (b)(2), (7), (8) and (13) shall

1 serve for an initial term of one year;

2 (2) members appointed in subsection (b)(3), (4), (9) and (10) shall
3 serve for an initial term of two years; and

4 (3) members appointed in subsection (b)(5), (6), (11) and (12)
5 shall serve for an initial term of three years.

6 ~~(e)~~{(f)} Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating
7 council, legislative members of the Flint Hills advisory council shall
8 receive amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments
9 thereto.

10 ~~Section 1.~~ Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 32-837 is hereby amended to
11 read as follows: 32-837. (a) The following parks have been designated as a
12 part of the state park system: (1) Kanopolis-Mushroom Rock state park in
13 Ellsworth county; (2) Cross Timbers state park at Toronto Lake in
14 Woodson county; (3) Fall River state park in Greenwood county; (4) Cedar
15 Bluff state park in Trego county; (5) Tuttle Creek state park in
16 Pottawatomie and Riley counties; (6) Pomona state park in Osage county;
17 (7) Cheney state park in Kingman and Reno counties; (8) Lake Crawford
18 state park in Crawford county; (9) Lovewell state park in Jewell county;
19 (10) Lake Meade state park in Meade county; (11) Prairie Dog state park
20 in Norton county; (12) Webster state park in Rooks county; (13) Wilson
21 state park in Russell county; (14) Milford state park in Geary county; (15)
22 Historic Lake Scott state park in Scott county; (16) Elk City state park in
23 Montgomery county; (17) Perry state park in Jefferson county; (18) Glen
24 Elder state park in Mitchell county; (19) El Dorado state park in Butler
25 county; (20) Eisenhower state park in Osage county; (21) Clinton state
26 park in Douglas and Shawnee counties; (22) Sand Hills state park in Reno
27 county; (23) Hillsdale state park in Miami county; (24) Kaw River state
28 park in Shawnee county; ~~and~~ (25) Prairie Spirit rail trail state park in
29 Franklin, Anderson and Allen counties; (26) *Flint Hills trail state park in*
30 *Miami, Franklin, Osage, Lyon, Morris and Dickinson counties; and (27)*
31 *Little Jerusalem Badlands state park in Logan county.*

32 (b) No state park named in subsection (a) shall be removed from the
33 state park system without legislative approval.

34 (c) The hours that Kaw River state park in Shawnee county is open to
35 the public may be limited to those hours that parks of the city of Topeka
36 are open, except that such state park shall be open at all hours for
37 prescheduled events.

38 (d) The requirements found in K.S.A. 65-171d(j)(2), and
39 amendments thereto, shall not apply to subsection (a)(25) or (a)(26).

40 {(e) For any state park listed in subsection (a) containing a
41 recreational trail created pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), the Kansas
42 department of wildlife, parks and tourism shall carry out the duties
43 listed in K.S.A. 58-3212(a)(1) through (a)(11), and amendments

1 **thereto.}**

2 Sec.~~2~~ **3.** K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 32-837 is hereby repealed.

3 Sec.~~3~~ **4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

4 publication in the statute book.