

Resolution Opposing Sale of Eleven Point State Park

Whereas, Missouri House of Representatives legislation identified as House Committee Bill 1 (HCB 1) and House Bill 1237 (HB 1237) address the transfer of several state properties between state agencies or to third parties; and

Whereas, HCB1 and HB 1237 received full vetting process including public hearings; and

Whereas, an identical floor amendment was added to each Bill by the full House of Representatives in session; and

Whereas, the amendment to both bills requires the sale by various means of the property recently acquired in Oregon county identified for the purpose of developing Eleven Point State Park; and

Whereas, this amendment is based on House Bills 776 and 777 which have never had a public hearing, yet was amended to HCB 1 and HB1237 in contradiction of House of Representatives legislative rule; and

Whereas, this amendment adds controversy to non-controversial housekeeping business of the state; and

Whereas, the Eleven Point State Park property was legally acquired from willing sellers with grant funds approved for that purpose; and

Whereas, the amendment would deprive the state, the county, and the citizens of Missouri of the recreational, environmental, and economic benefits of the development of the 4000-acre Eleven Point State Park; and

Whereas, the amendment provides no guarantee of the recovery of full market value for the land, provides no direction for disposition of the recovered funds, and orders sale by questionable process, potentially to unspecified private interests;

Therefore, Missouri Parks Association at its Quarterly Board Meeting on April 30, 2019 in Jefferson City assembled, urges the elected State Senators of the State of Missouri to protect this State Park Property and the interests of all of the citizens of the State by stripping the amendment in HCB 1 and HB 1237 that requires the sale of the Eleven Point State Park property in Oregon County;

And further, if the Senate fails to strip the amendment from HCB1 and/or HB 1237, MPA requests that the Governor veto any bill that contains an amendment requiring the sale of the Eleven Point State Park property.

PASSED BY THE MISSOURI PARKS ASSOCIATION THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019



Deborah Schnack, President
Missouri Parks Association

