

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate president to appoint a committee to study funding mechanisms, improvement, and promotion of Louisiana state parks, in conjunction with the strategic plan adopted by the office of state parks.

WHEREAS, the office of state parks is a division of the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the office adopted a five-year strategic plan with the program goal to "increase and improve the focus on Louisiana's vast natural resources for all Louisiana citizens and visitors to enjoy through planning, constructing and operating a system of parks, historic sites and preservation areas in accordance with the highest standards of management, interpretation and conservation"; and

WHEREAS, according to its strategic plan, the office "strives for: coordination between agencies, allied interests, and user groups; professional training and competence of its personnel; exemplary planning, design, construction and maintenance of its facilities; active development and use of interpretation and reaction programs; and development of a stable funding base to provide maintaining continuity of facility, program, and personnel quality".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Senate president to appoint a committee to study funding mechanisms, improvement, and promotion of Louisiana state parks, in conjunction with the strategic plan, adopted by the office of state parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall consist of five senators appointed by the Senate president, including at least two members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and the office of state parks shall provide technical assistance to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a written report of its findings to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs by March 1, 2013.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE