

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2601

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning the authority of the parks and recreation commission to approve leases.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Tharinger, Barkis, Leavitt and Ryu; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission.

**House Committee on Housing, Community Development & Veterans**  
**House Committee on Capital Budget**  
**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

The State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) has authority over the management of state parks, including the power to grant concessions and leases in state parks. The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. A majority of Commission members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Under the Commission's procedural rules, a majority vote of the Commissioners present is required to pass an item brought to vote unless the law requires a unanimous vote. Several Commission decisions require unanimous votes, including leases in excess of 20 years, land sales or exchanges, and the disposal of real property to resolve boundary and ownership issues with adjacent landowners. Except for authorization to grant a lease not to exceed 62 years at Saint Edward Park, the Commission may not grant a lease for a term longer than 50 years.

### **Summary:**

The maximum lease term for state park properties is increased from 50 to 80 years. Property leases exceeding 20 years require approval of at least five Commission members instead of a unanimous vote.

### **Votes on Final Passage:**

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| House  | 93 | 3 |                   |
| Senate | 48 | 1 | (Senate amended)  |
| House  | 93 | 3 | (House concurred) |

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