

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

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House Bill 5348

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[Passed March 9, 2024; in effect ninety days from
passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, chapter 136, Acts of the Legislature, regular session,
2 1982, as last amended and reenacted by section two, chapter 154, Acts of the Legislature,
3 regular session, 1987, relating to renaming the Raleigh County Recreation Authority to the
4 Raleigh County Parks and Recreation Authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

RALEIGH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY.

§2. Members; appointment; powers and duties generally; officers; bylaws; rules and regulations; compensation.

1 The authority shall consist of five or seven members at the discretion of the Raleigh
2 County commission to be appointed by the Raleigh County commission. Such members shall be
3 appointed and such authority shall commence operation on or before the first day of July, 1984.
4 If the authority consists of seven members, no more than four shall be from the same political
5 party, and if the authority consists of five members then no more than three members shall be
6 from the same political party. One member shall be appointed for a term of five years, one member
7 for a term of four years, one member for a term of three years, one member for a term of two
8 years and one member for a term of one year. The initial terms of office for new appointees shall
9 commence on the first day of July, 1984. Each successor member shall be appointed for a term
10 of five years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of
11 the term shall serve only for the unexpired portion thereof. Any member of the authority shall be
12 eligible for reappointment and the county commission may remove any member for cause. There
13 shall be an annual meeting of the authority on the second Monday in July in each year and a
14 monthly meeting on the day in each month which the authority may designate in its bylaws. A
15 special meeting may be called by the president, the secretary or any two members of the authority
16 and shall be held only after all of the members are given notice thereof in writing. At all meetings
17 more than fifty percent of the members shall constitute a quorum and at each annual meeting of
18 the authority it shall elect a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. The authority

19 shall adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations as are necessary for its own guidance. The
20 authority shall have all the powers necessary, convenient and advisable to effectuate the
21 purposes of this act. In order to keep the peace within the boundaries of the recreational facilities
22 under the authority's supervision and control, the authority is specifically authorized to adopt as
23 its own any rules or regulations promulgated by the West Virginia department of natural resources
24 or the West Virginia department of commerce for the regulation of use of state parks, forests and
25 hunting and fishing areas. Upon adoption of any such rules and regulations by the authority, the
26 same shall have the authority of law and any magistrate within Raleigh County shall have
27 jurisdiction of any violation thereof. Each member of the authority shall be compensated monthly
28 by the county in an amount to be fixed by the county commission. Each member presently holding
29 a position on the board of the Raleigh County Parks and Recreation Authority shall keep the same
30 until his term shall normally expire.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2024.

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Governor