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LEGISLATIVE BILL 863

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend
- 2 section 37-303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to limit the
- 3 amount of property owned by the commission; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 37-303 (1) With the consent of the Governor, the commission may by
4 purchase, when funds on hand or appropriated therefor are sufficient, or
5 by gift, devise, or otherwise acquire title in the name of the State of
6 Nebraska to sites situated outside organized municipalities, except as
7 provided in section 90-404, for additional state parks, hatcheries,
8 recreation grounds, state recreational trails, wildlife management areas,
9 captive wildlife facilities, and public shooting grounds and may enter
10 into appropriate contracts with reference thereto, all within the limits
11 of amounts that may be appropriated, contributed, or available, except
12 that beginning September 1, 2020, the commission may not purchase or
13 acquire title to any additional sites if such purchase or acquisition
14 would increase the amount of property the commission owns on September 1,
15 2020. For these purposes, the commission may enter into appropriate
16 contracts, leases, or lease-purchase agreements.

17 (2) The commission, with the consent of the Governor, may take,
18 receive, and hold, either in the name of the state or in trust for the
19 state, exempt from taxation, any grant or devise of lands and any gift or
20 bequest of money or other personal property made in furtherance of the
21 purposes contemplated by this section and shall have such funds or the
22 proceeds of such property invested. Such invested funds shall be
23 deposited, used, and expended under the direction of the commission.

24 (3) The commission may make a survey of all lands and areas in the
25 state which are suitable for state parks, game refuges, or other similar
26 purposes contemplated by this section and may locate and designate any or
27 all of such lands or areas or parts thereof and take such action as may
28 tend to preserve or conserve them. The commission shall publish such
29 informational material as it deems necessary and may, at its discretion,
30 charge appropriate fees therefor.

31 Sec. 2. Original section 37-303, Reissue Revised Statutes of

1 Nebraska, is repealed.