

To accompany the petition of Charles Sumner Bird, Jr., and another for the establishment of a division of parks in the Department of Conservation. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine.

An Act to establish a Division of Parks in the Department of Conservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. General Laws, chapter twenty-
2 one, section one, is hereby amended so that said
3 section shall read:—

4 *Section 1.* There shall be a department of
5 conservation, consisting of a division of forestry,
6 a division of fisheries and game, a division of
7 animal industry and a division of parks, each
8 under the charge of a director. The department
9 shall be under the supervision and control of a
10 commissioner of conservation. The directors
11 shall act as an advisory council to the commis-
12 sioner.

1 SECTION 2. General Laws, chapter twenty-
2 one, is further amended by adding the following
3 sections:

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DIVISION OF PARKS.

5 *Section 11.* The director of division of parks,
6 herein called and to be known as the director of
7 parks, shall be appointed for the term of three
8 years by the governor, with the advice and con-
9 sent of the council. The director shall be qualified
10 by training and experience to perform the duties
11 of his office, and shall, subject to the provisions
12 of section three, receive an annual salary, not
13 exceeding five thousand dollars, as the governor
14 and council determine. He shall act for the com-
15 monwealth in the promotion, extension, care and
16 management of parks, recreational lands and
17 reservations owned by, or under the control of,
18 the commonwealth, and shall discharge such other
19 similar duties as may be imposed upon him by the
20 governor and council. The director shall be al-
21 lowed necessary travelling expenses for himself and
22 his employees incurred in the discharge of duty.

23 *Section 12.* The director may, subject to the
24 approval of the commissioner, appoint and remove
25 such experts, clerical and other assistants as the
26 work of the division may require, and fix their
27 compensation.

28 *Section 13.* The commissioner of conservation,
29 in this chapter called the commissioner, with the
30 approval of the governor and council, may accept,
31 on behalf of the commonwealth, bequests or gifts
32 to be used for the purpose of advancing the recre-
33 ational and conservation interests and policies
34 of the commonwealth, and shall administer the

35 same, in such manner as to carry out the terms of
36 such bequests or gifts, and he may, subject to the
37 approval of title to be conveyed and of terms so
38 imposed, by the attorney general, accept on
39 behalf of the commonwealth gifts of land to be held
40 and managed for park, recreational and conserva-
41 tion purposes.

42 *Section 14.* The commissioner shall make an
43 annual report of the acts of the director of parks.

