

CHAPTER NO. 618

HOUSE BILL NO. 3994

By Representatives McMillan, Ferguson, Fraley, Hood, Harmon, Russell Johnson,
McDonald, DuBois

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3875

By Senators Kyle, Kilby, Crutchfield, Cooper, Ketron, Tracy, Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 11, Chapter 14, relative to state natural areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-14-108(b)(1) is amended to re-order the existing subdivisions to put them in alphabetical order and by adding the following as appropriately designated subdivisions:

() Rugby. An area of approximately three hundred twenty three (323) acres in Morgan County located adjacent to Historic Rugby. This forested tract protects the watershed of Little Creek and has a rich spring flora.

() Stillhouse Hollow Falls. An area of approximately ninety (90) acres in Maury County containing a 75-foot high waterfall which cascades into a deep plunge pool at the base of a rock amphitheater. The surrounding hardwood forest includes an understory of oakleaf hydrangea and a rich display of spring flora, including the rare grass of Parnassus.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-14-108(b)(2) is amended to re-order the existing subdivisions to put them in alphabetical order and by adding the following as appropriately designated subdivisions:

() Campbell Bend Barrens. An area of approximately thirty-five (35) acres in Roane County containing an undisturbed example of a Ridge and Valley limestone barrens plant community with exposed limestone. It is comprised of native grasses, other barrens flora, and is surrounded by a mixed hardwood forest.

() Crowder Cemetery Barrens. An area of approximately fifteen (15) acres in Roane County containing a floristically rich example of a Ridge and Valley limestone barrens with several rare plant species, including the tall larkspur, slender blazing star, and white upland aster, as well as an outstanding display of prairie dock.

() Pogue Creek. An area of approximately three thousand (3,000) acres in Fentress County located adjacent to Pickett State Forest and containing scenic gorges with numerous cliffs, sandstone arches, waterfalls, and rock houses, as well as rich forest communities. It also protects populations of rare species including Cumberland sandwort and Lucy Braun's snakeroot.

() Walls of Jericho. An area of approximately seven hundred fifty (750) acres in Franklin County located within the Bear Hollow Wildlife Management Area. This forested property contains a gorge known as the Walls of Jericho, a large, bowl-shaped natural amphitheater with interesting and unusual rock formations carved by Turkey Creek. In addition to its natural beauty, this property protects a diverse array of plant and animal species, including the rare limerock arrowwood.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated Subdivision 11-14-108(b)(2)(RR) prior to alphabetization concerning Sequatchie Cave is amended by deleting the language, "eight (8) acres" and substituting instead, "ten (10) acres".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated Subdivision 11-14-108(b)(2)(ZZ) prior to alphabetization concerning Manus Road Cedar Glade is amended by deleting the language, "fifteen (15) acres" and substituting instead, "twenty two (22) acres".

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2006


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR