

CHAPTER 8**(HJR 71)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to approval of a capital project and authorizing funds therefor.

WHEREAS, KRS 45.750 to 45.816 and other provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes require that capital construction projects be enumerated, authorized, and funds appropriated therefor by the General Assembly when the projects exceed \$400,000 in total costs; and

WHEREAS, the Bert T. Combs Building, owned by the Commonwealth and currently used by the Division of Forestry, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, is located directly across Highway 25E in Bell County from Pine Mountain State Resort Park; and

WHEREAS, with the expansion of the Pine Mountain State Resort Park Golf Course, it is anticipated that a hotel development in the area would be of local and regional tourism and recreational benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Mountain State Resort Park Golf Course is located directly across from the Division of Forestry facility, and tremendous local community support exists for surplusing the Division of Forestry property, thus allowing for private development of a hotel at its current site; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Forestry would benefit by constructing a new facility which would allow for their administrative offices and increased support services to be at the same location;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of KRS 45.750 to 45.816, regarding capital construction projects, and notwithstanding KRS 45A.045(4) and (5) regarding surplus property, the General Assembly approves and authorizes the sale, lease, or conveyance by other means of the present forestry building, and the real property on which it is located in Bell County, through a competitive bid request for proposals to allow for the construction and operation of a new hotel facility at the present forestry location, in exchange for the construction and conveyance of a new facility for the Division of Forestry located in the present district. The new facility shall have at least 4600 net square feet of administrative office space, and 750 square feet of storage space and, in addition, shall allow for vehicle parking and equipment storage appropriate for a district office. The new facility shall include installation of all utility services, including roads and sewers, necessary to make the building complete.

Section 2. The General Assembly hereby approves the exchange of the state forestry property located in Bell County as consideration for a new facility. The final conveyance of the Bert T. Combs Building and the real property on which it is located, owned by the Commonwealth and currently used by the Division of Forestry, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, shall not be deeded to the successful bidder until such time as the successful bidder completes the new forestry building. The site location and building design shall be approved by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall submit a progress report to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

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