

1 AN ACT relating to park rangers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 148.056 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The commissioner of parks, in his or her discretion, may employ and commission
5 park rangers as the commissioner deems necessary to secure the parks and property
6 of the Department of Parks and to maintain law and order and ~~those~~^[such]
7 employees, when ~~so~~ commissioned under this section, shall have all of the
8 powers of peace officers and shall have ~~on all parks property and on public~~
9 ~~highways transversing such property~~ in all parts of the state the same powers with
10 respect to criminal matters and enforcement of the laws relating thereto as sheriffs,
11 constables granted peace officer powers, and police officers in their respective
12 jurisdictions, and shall possess all the immunities and matters of defense now
13 available or hereafter made available to sheriffs and police officers in any suit
14 brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their
15 employment.
- 16 (2) The designation of any such employee as a peace officer shall be governed by the
17 provisions of KRS 61.300 except that he or she shall not be required to have
18 resided in the county wherein he or she is to serve for a period of at least two (2)
19 years, and he or she shall be required to file his or her photograph and affidavit
20 only with the Franklin county clerk.
- 21 (3) Any employee so commissioned shall be required to execute bond, subject to the
22 provisions of KRS 62.170, for the faithful and lawful performance of his or her
23 duties.