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HOUSE BILL NO. 2220

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES PETERS (Sponsor), ELLINGTON,
GARDNER AND DUNN (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 253, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri civil rights trail act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 253, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 253.600, to read as follows:

**253.600. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Civil
2 Rights Trail Act".**

**3 2. The department of natural resources, in consultation with appropriate federal,
4 state, and local governmental entities, shall conduct a special resource study for the
5 purpose of evaluating a range of alternatives for protecting and interpreting sites
6 associated with the struggle for civil rights in this state, including alternatives for potential
7 addition of some or all of the sites to the Missouri state park and historic preservation
8 system or the National Trails System.**

**9 3. In conducting the special study, the department shall evaluate alternatives for
10 achieving the following objectives:**

**11 (1) Identifying the resources and historic themes associated with the movement to
12 secure racial equality in the United States and this state for African Americans that,
13 focusing on the period from 1954 through 1968, challenged the practice of racial
14 segregation in the nation and our state and achieved equal rights for all American citizens;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 **(2) Making a review of existing studies and reports, such as the Civil Rights**
16 **Framework Study, to complement and not duplicate other studies of the historical**
17 **importance of the civil rights movements that may be underway or undertaken;**

18 **(3) Establishing connections with agencies, organizations, and partnerships already**
19 **engaged in the preservation and interpretation of various trails and sites dealing with the**
20 **civil rights movement;**

21 **(4) Protecting historically significant landscapes, districts, sites, and structures;**

22 **(5) Identifying alternatives for preservation and interpretation of the sites by the**
23 **department, the National Park Service, other federal, state, or local governmental entities,**
24 **or private and nonprofit organizations, including the potential inclusion of some or all of**
25 **the sites in the Missouri state park and historic preservation system or the National Civil**
26 **Rights Trail; and**

27 **(6) Identifying cost estimates for any necessary acquisition, development,**
28 **interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives developed**
29 **under the special resource study.**

30 **4. Not later than three years after the date on which moneys are made available to**
31 **carry out this section, the department shall submit to the governor and general assembly**
32 **a report containing the results of the study conducted under this section and any**
33 **recommendations of the department.**

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