

HB1945



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Tony McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 835/1

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801

Amends the Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act. Provides that a zoological park shall be open to the public without charge for at least one day for every 30 days (rather than every 7 days) the zoological park is open. Removes provisions which required a zoological park to be open to the public without charge for at least one day for every 14 days from June 12, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

7 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
8 districts, containing a population of 140,000 or more located
9 in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, having the
10 control or supervision of any forest preserves, may erect and
11 maintain within such forest preserves, under the control or
12 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be used
13 for the collection and display of animals as customary in
14 zoological parks, and may collect and display such animals, or
15 permit the directors or trustees of any zoological society
16 devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect and maintain a
17 zoological park and to collect and display zoological
18 collections within any forest preserve now or hereafter under
19 the control or supervision of such forest preserve district,
20 out of funds belonging to such zoological society, or to
21 contract with the directors or trustees of any zoological
22 society on such terms and conditions as may to such corporate
23 authorities seem best, relative to the erection, operation and

1 maintenance of a zoological park and the collection and
2 display of such animals within such forest preserve, out of
3 the tax hereinafter in this Act provided.

4 This Act applies to any forest preserve district that
5 maintains a zoological park that was established under this
6 Act prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population
7 requirements continue to be met.

8 A forest preserve district, containing a population of
9 140,000 or more, or the directors or trustees of such
10 zoological society when so authorized by the forest preserve
11 district, may (a) police the property of the zoological park,
12 (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a security force for
13 fire and police protection of the zoological park and (c)
14 provide that the personnel of the security force shall perform
15 other tasks relating to the maintenance and operation of the
16 zoological park. Members of the security force shall be
17 conservators of the peace with all the powers of policemen in
18 cities and of sheriffs, other than to serve or execute civil
19 processes, but such powers may be exercised only within the
20 area comprising the zoological park when required to protect
21 the zoological park's property and interests, its personnel
22 and persons using the facilities or at the specific request of
23 appropriate federal, State or local law enforcement officials.
24 All otherwise lawful actions taken on or after August 13, 1978
25 (the effective date of Public Act 80-1364) and before the
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General

1 Assembly by a forest preserve district or a zoological society
2 located in a county of 3,000,000 or more in exercising the
3 powers provided in this paragraph are hereby validated,
4 notwithstanding Public Act 80-1364, which was a
5 non-substantive combining revisory Act.

6 A forest preserve district, containing a population of
7 140,000 or more located in counties of less than 3,000,000
8 inhabitants, may charge, or permit such zoological society to
9 charge, an admission fee. The proceeds of such admission fee
10 shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance
11 of such zoological park and the collections therein. All

12 ~~Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all such~~
13 zoological parks shall be open to the public without charge

14 (i) a total number of days, to be scheduled at any time during
15 the calendar year, equivalent to at least one day for each 30 ~~7~~

16 days the zoological park is open during the calendar year and
17 (ii) to the children in actual attendance upon any of the

18 schools in the State at all times. ~~Beginning on the effective~~
19 ~~date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly~~

20 ~~through June 30, 2022, any such zoological park must be open to~~
21 ~~the public without charge: (i) a total number of days, to be~~

22 ~~scheduled at any time during the calendar year, equivalent to~~
23 ~~at least one day for each 14 days the zoological park is open~~

24 ~~during the calendar year; and (ii) to the children in actual~~
25 ~~attendance upon any of the schools in the State at all times.~~

26 The managing authority of the zoological park may limit the

1 number of school groups that may attend the zoo on any given
2 day and may establish other rules and regulations that
3 reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and
4 convenience, including without limitation standards of conduct
5 and supervision. Charges may be made at any time for special
6 services and for admission to special facilities within any
7 zoological park for the education, entertainment or
8 convenience of visitors.

9 (Source: P.A. 101-640, eff. 6-12-20.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.