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258.001 Park regions.— For the purpose of administering this chapter, regulating the public parks, monuments and memorials of this state, the state is divided into five park regions which are defined as:

(1) **FIRST REGION.**— The Counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla, Leon, and Jefferson shall constitute the First Park Region.

(2) **SECOND REGION.**— The Counties of Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Columbia, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Marion, Putnam, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns shall constitute the Second Park Region.

(3) **THIRD REGION.**— The Counties of Citrus, Sumter, Lake, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Glades shall constitute the Third Park Region.

(4) **FOURTH REGION.**— The Counties of Flagler, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Brevard, Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Martin shall constitute the Fourth Park Region.

(5) **FIFTH REGION.**— The Counties of Lee, Hendry, Palm Beach, Collier, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe shall constitute the Fifth Park Region.

History.— s. 2, ch. 25353, 1949; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 48, ch. 2008-4.

Note.— Former s. 592.02.

258.004 Duties of division.—

(1) It shall be the duty of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to supervise, administer, regulate, and control the operation of all public parks, including all monuments, memorials, sites of historic interest and value, sites of archaeological interest and value owned, or which may be acquired, by the state, or to the operation, development, preservation, and maintenance of which the state may have made or may make contribution or appropriation of public funds.

(2) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall preserve, manage, regulate, and protect all parks and recreational areas held by the state and may provide these services by contract or interagency agreement for any water management district when the governing board of a water management district designates or sets aside any park or recreation area within its boundaries.

(3) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall study and appraise the recreation needs of the state and assemble and disseminate information relative to recreation.

(4) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide consultation assistance to local governing units as to the protection, organization, and administration of local recreation systems and the planning and design of local recreation areas and facilities.

(5) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall assist in recruiting, training, and placing recreation personnel.

(6) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall sponsor and promote recreation institutes, workshops, seminars, and conferences throughout the state.

(7) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall cooperate with state and federal agencies, private organizations, and commercial and industrial interests in the promotion of a state recreation program.

History.— s. 6, ch. 25353, 1949; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 254, ch. 71-377; s. 14, ch. 75-22; s. 91, ch. 94-356; s. 2, ch. 2010-178; s. 118, ch. 2011-142.

Note.— Former s. 592.06.

258.007 Powers of division.—

(1) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall have power to acquire in the name of the state any property, real or personal, by purchase, grant, devise, condemnation, donation, or otherwise, which in its judgment may be necessary

or proper toward the administration of the purposes of this chapter; however, no property of any nature may be acquired by purchase, lease, grant, donation, devise, or otherwise, under conditions which shall pledge the credit of, or obligate in any manner whatsoever, the state to pay any sum of money, and the power of condemnation as herein granted is limited to the acquisition of property or property rights which may be required for state park purposes for parks under the jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks on July 1, 1980. Acquisition of such property or property rights shall not exceed an aggregate of 40 acres or 10 percent of the total acreage of the respective park as it existed on July 1, 1980, whichever is less, and shall be restricted to properties wholly surrounded by state park property at the time of acquisition. Express legislative approval is required for the acquisition by condemnation of any new area or memorial which the division may desire for the purposes set forth in this chapter, except that the division may maintain and insure with the State Risk Management Trust Fund buildings on property owned by the state or any of its agencies.

(2) The division has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of law conferring duties on it and authority to impose penalties as provided in s. 258.008 for the violation of any rule authorized by this section.

(3)(a) The division may grant privileges, leases, concessions, and permits for the use of land for the accommodation of visitors in the various parks, monuments, and memorials, provided no natural curiosities or objects of interest shall be granted, leased, or rented on such terms as shall deny or interfere with free access to them by the public; provided further, such grants, leases, and permits may be made and given without advertisement or securing competitive bids; and provided further, that no such grant, lease, or permit shall be assigned or transferred by any grantee without consent of the division.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), after May 1, 2014, the division may not grant new concession agreements for the accommodation of visitors in a state park that provides beach access and contains less than 7,000 feet of shoreline if the type of concession is available within 1,500 feet of the park's boundaries. This paragraph does not apply to concession agreements for accommodations offered at a park on or before May 1, 2014. This paragraph shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

(4) The division is authorized to grant easements for rights-of-way over, across, and upon lands of the state for the maintenance of poles and lines for the transmission and distribution of electrical power and for telephone and telegraphic purposes, under such conditions and with such limitations as the division may impose.

(5)(a) The division, in cooperation with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State, is authorized and empowered to select and designate, within the state park system, sites of historic interest and value and to erect and maintain appropriate signs or markers indicating said sites upon public property as well as upon private property where permission is obtained.

(b) The division is authorized to receive gifts and donations from any source to carry out the purpose of this section.

History.—s. 7, ch. 25353, 1949; s. 7, ch. 29615, 1955; s. 1, ch. 59-392; ss. 23, 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 1, ch. 70-302; s. 1, ch. 70-439; s. 70, ch. 86-186; s. 1, ch. 94-190; s. 58, ch. 96-418; s. 47, ch. 98-200; s. 7, ch. 2000-122; s. 1, ch. 2008-98; s. 16, ch. 2014-151.

Note.—Former s. 592.07.

258.008 Prohibited activities; penalties.—

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), any person who violates or otherwise fails to comply with the rules adopted under this chapter commits a noncriminal infraction for which ejection from all property managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks and a fine of up to \$500 may be imposed by the division. Fines paid under this subsection shall be paid to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and deposited in the State Game Trust Fund as provided in ss. 379.338, 379.339, and 379.3395.

(2) In addition to penalties imposed under subsection (1), any person who fails to sign a citation given under subsection (1), fails to appear in court in response to such citation, or fails to comply with the court's order commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3) Any person who engages in any of the following activities within the boundaries of a state park without first obtaining the express permission of the Division of Recreation and Parks commits a misdemeanor of the second

degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall be ejected from all property managed by the division:

- (a) Cutting, carving, injuring, mutilating, moving, displacing, or breaking off any water-bottom formation or coral.
- (b) Capturing, trapping, or injuring a wild animal.
- (c) Collecting plant or animal specimens.
- (d) Leaving the designated public roads in a vehicle.
- (e) Hunting.

History.—s. 2, ch. 2008-98; s. 8, ch. 2012-88.

258.014 Fees for use of state parks.—

(1) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall have the power to charge reasonable fees, rentals or charges for the use or operation of facilities and concessions in state parks, and all such fees, rentals, and charges so collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of “State Park Trust Fund,” which is hereby created, the continuing balance of which fund is hereby appropriated to be expended by said division for the administration, improvement and maintenance of state parks and for the acquisition and development of lands hereafter acquired for state park purposes. The appropriation of said fund shall be continuing, and shall not revert to the General Revenue Fund at the end of any fiscal year or at any other time but shall, until expended, be continually available to said division for the uses and purposes set forth.

(2) Any moneys received in trust by the division by gift, devise, appropriation, or otherwise shall, subject to the terms of such trust, be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer in a fund to be known as the “State Park Trust Fund,” and shall be subject to withdrawal upon application of such division for expenditure or investment in accordance with the terms of the trust. Unless prohibited by the terms of the trust by which the moneys are derived, all of such moneys may be invested as provided by law.

History.—ss. 1, 2, ch. 20417, 1941; s. 2, ch. 61-119; s. 9, ch. 67-354; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 279, ch. 2003-261.

Note.—Former s. 589.25, s. 592.072.

258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee discounts.—

(1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by foster families and adoptive families to the vitality of the state, the Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on state park fees to persons who present written documentation satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

(a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under s. 409.175 shall receive family annual entrance passes at no charge and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees at state parks.

(b) Families who adopt a special needs child as described in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. from the Department of Children and Families shall receive a one-time family annual entrance pass at no charge at the time of the adoption.

(2) The division, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation sufficient to establish eligibility for the discounts under this section and establish a procedure for obtaining the discounts.

(3) The division shall continue its partnership with the Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and adoption of special needs children with events held each year during National Foster Care Month and National Adoption Month.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2017-27.

258.0145 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter state park fee discounts.—The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on park fees to persons who present written documentation satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

(1) Active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof shall receive a 25-percent discount on annual entrance passes.

(2) Honorably discharged veterans who have service-connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(3) Surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof who have fallen in combat shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(4) The surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as defined in s. 633.102, who has died in the line of duty shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2010-178; s. 1, ch. 2011-110; s. 131, ch. 2013-183.

258.015 Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, a “citizen support organization” means an organization which is:

(a) A Florida corporation not for profit incorporated under the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the Department of State;

(b) Organized and operated to conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the state park system or individual units of the state park system;

(c) Determined by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to be consistent with the goals of the state park system and in the best interests of the state; and

(d) Approved in writing by the division to operate for the direct or indirect benefit of the state park system or individual units of the state park system. Such approval shall be given in a letter of agreement from the division.

(2) USE OF PROPERTY.—

(a) The division may permit, without charge, appropriate use of fixed property and facilities of the state park system by a citizen support organization, subject to the provisions of this section. Such use must be directly in keeping with the approved purposes of the citizen support organization, and may not be made at times or places that would unreasonably interfere with opportunities for the general public to use the park or parks for established recreational purposes.

(b) The division may prescribe by rule any condition with which a citizen support organization shall comply in order to use fixed property or facilities of the state park system.

(c) The division shall not permit the use of any fixed property or facilities of the state park system by a citizen support organization which does not provide equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

(3) PARTNERSHIPS IN PARKS.—

(a) The Legislature recognizes that many of the parks in the state park system need a variety of facilities to enhance their use and potential. Such facilities include, but are not limited to, improved access, camping areas, picnicking shelters, park management offices and facilities, and environmental education facilities. The need for such facilities has exceeded the ability of the state to provide such facilities in a timely manner with moneys available. The Legislature finds it to be in the public interest to provide incentives for partnerships with private organizations with the intent of producing additional revenue to help enhance the use and potential of the state park system.

(b) The Legislature may annually appropriate funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for use only as state matching funds, in conjunction with private donations in aggregates of at least \$60,000 matched by \$40,000 of state funds for a total minimum project amount of \$100,000 for capital improvement facility development at state parks, at either individually designated parks or for priority projects within the overall state park system. Not more than 30 percent of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund unencumbered fund balance or \$3 million, whichever is less, shall be reserved, available annually for matching private donations. The amount held in reserve for the state match will be no greater than \$6 million for any fiscal year. State funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund or other appropriate funding sources shall be used for matching private donations for 40 percent of the projects’ costs. Funds held in reserve for the purposes of this subsection shall be available only after the requirements of s. 375.041(4) are met. Citizen support organizations organized and operating for the benefit of state parks may acquire private donations pursuant to this section, and matching state funds for approved projects may be provided in accordance with this

subsection. The department is authorized to properly recognize and honor a private donor by placing a plaque or other appropriate designation noting the contribution on project facilities or by naming project facilities after the person or organization that provided matching funds.

(4) **REPEAL.**—This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

History.—s. 1, ch. 85-47; s. 2, ch. 89-117; s. 87, ch. 90-360; s. 92, ch. 94-356; s. 1, ch. 96-389; s. 2, ch. 96-395; s. 114, ch. 96-406; s. 9, ch. 2014-96; s. 18, ch. 2015-229; s. 7, ch. 2017-5.

258.016 Senior/disabled citizen camping permit.— The Division of Recreation and Parks is authorized to issue a senior/disabled citizen camping permit. This permit shall be available free of charge to Florida citizens who are at least 65 years of age or older or Florida citizens possessing a current social security disability award certificate or a 100 percent disability award certificate from the Federal Government. The permit shall allow the person named and one companion to receive a 50 percent discount on current base campsite fees at Florida state parks.

History.—s. 1, ch. 87-336.

258.0165 Defibrillators in state parks.—

(1) Each state park is encouraged to have on the premises at all times a functioning automated external defibrillator.

(2) State parks that provide automated external defibrillators shall ensure that employees and volunteers are properly trained in accordance with s. 401.2915.

(3) The location of each automated external defibrillator shall be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director.

(4) The use of automated external defibrillators by employees and volunteers shall be covered under the provisions of ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2006-40; s. 19, ch. 2013-18.

258.017 Dedication of state park lands for public use.— The Division of Recreation and Parks is authorized and empowered, from time to time, by resolution, to dedicate and reserve for the use of the public all or any part of the lands acquired by the division for park purposes; provided however, that said dedication and reservation shall be subject to such rules and regulations, as to reasonable use by the public, as may be adopted by the division.

History.—s. 28, ch. 29615, 1955; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 592.073.

258.021 Power of eminent domain; procedure.— Whenever the Division of Recreation and Parks shall find it necessary to acquire private property for state parks, or rights-of-way for state parks, or for exercising any of the powers and duties authorized and prescribed by law to be exercised and performed by the division, the division is hereby empowered and authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain and to proceed to condemn said property in the same manner as provided by law for the condemnation of private property by counties.

History.—s. 28, ch. 29615, 1955; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 592.074.

258.027 Division to take over certain functions.— The Division of Recreation and Parks is vested with all rights, powers, duties, privileges, and authority relating to park matters heretofore vested in and exercised by the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks and is charged with the responsibility of carrying out, performing and discharging all duties and liabilities, contractual and otherwise heretofore imposed upon or incurred by the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks in connection with or appertaining to the management, control, improvement, operation, and administration of state parks. All park property, real, personal and mixed now owned by, or held under management, direction and control, of Florida Board of Forestry is transferred to and vested in division.

History.—s. 8, ch. 25353, 1949; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 592.08.

258.034 State Park Trust Fund created.— There is created a “State Park Trust Fund” to which shall be credited all money deposited in the State Treasury by appropriations, or from any other source, whether in trust, by gift, devise, fees, rentals, and charges, together with any unexpended balance of any appropriation heretofore made for the expenditure of public funds toward the support, maintenance, and preservation of any monument, memorial, or historic site which under this chapter comes under the jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks, to be expended by the division for the administration, improvement, and maintenance of state parks and historic memorials by this chapter placed under the jurisdiction of the division and for the acquisition and development of lands hereafter acquired for state park purposes.

History.—s. 11, ch. 25353, 1949; s. 2, ch. 61-119; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 592.11.

258.037 Policy of division.— It shall be the policy of the Division of Recreation and Parks: To promote the state park system for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of the people of Florida and visitors; to acquire typical portions of the original domain of the state which will be accessible to all of the people, and of such character as to emblemize the state’s natural values; conserve these natural values for all time; administer the development, use and maintenance of these lands and render such public service in so doing, in such a manner as to enable the people of Florida and visitors to enjoy these values without depleting them; to contribute materially to the development of a strong mental, moral, and physical fiber in the people; to provide for perpetual preservation of historic sites and memorials of statewide significance and interpretation of their history to the people; to contribute to the tourist appeal of Florida.

History.—s. 12, ch. 25353, 1949; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 592.12.

258.041 Cooperation of division with counties, etc.— The Division of Recreation and Parks may cooperate with counties in county and state park work, and in this connection county commissioners may acquire, by gift, devise, or purchase from general funds, from individuals, corporations, the United States Government, or any of its departments or agencies, any lands, which are suitable for public parks or for the preservation of natural beauty or places of historic association, and operate the same as public parks. Said county commissioners may also convey any such lands so acquired to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or the division, provided such lands are acceptable by said board of trustees or division.

History.—ss. 4, 5, 6, ch. 17025, 1935; CGL 1936 Supp. 1749(4)-(6); s. 2, ch. 61-119; ss. 25, 27, 35, ch. 69-106.

Note.— Former s. 589.24, s. 592.121.

258.08 Guide meridian and base parallel park located.— Guide meridian and base parallel park, a park for the perpetuation and preservation of the point or place from which the state was surveyed, is established and located in Tallahassee, Leon County, on a parcel of land one-half acre square, having for its center the intersection of the guide meridian and the base parallel of Florida, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

One-eighth of an acre in the form of a square, in the northwest corner of section six in township one south, range one east; one-eighth of an acre in the form of a square, in the southwest corner of section thirty-one in township one north, range one east; one-eighth of an acre in the form of a square, in the southeast corner of section thirty-six in township one north, range one west; and one-eighth of an acre in the form of a square in the northeast corner of section one in township one south, range one west.

History.—s. 1, ch. 10188, 1925; ss. 1, 2, ch. 11902, 1927; CGL 1740, 1742, 1743.

258.081 Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center.— The division shall maintain and operate the Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center facility in such manner that the performing arts component of the Florida Folklife Programs provided in s. 267.16 shall have priority use of the facility.

History.—s. 7, ch. 79-322; s. 126, ch. 83-217; s. 29, ch. 86-163.

258.083 John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park; taking or damaging of coral prohibited.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to bring into or transport through any part of the state, including its waters, any coral or other material taken from the subsoil or seabed of any portion of the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park adjacent to or in the vicinity of the state which has been taken in violation of any law or regulation of the Federal Government.

(2) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to destroy, damage, remove, deface, or take away any coral, rock, or other formation or any part thereof, of any portion of the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park adjacent to or in the vicinity of the state in which such action is in violation of any law or regulation of the Federal Government.

(3) Violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

History.—ss. 1, 2, 3, ch. 61-454; s. 620, ch. 71-136.

Note.—Former s. 592.17.

258.09 Rauscher Park designated.— There is designated and established as a state park to be known as Rauscher Park, in Escambia County, the lands lying between the Big Lagoon and the Gulf of Mexico, now owned by Escambia County, or hereafter acquired by Escambia County, adjacent or contiguous thereto, from private owners or from the United States Government; and the board of county commissioners of Escambia County may execute proper conveyance to the board of commissioners of state institutions covering the property now owned by Escambia County, as aforesaid, and said board of county commissioners of Escambia County may acquire in the name of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection any property adjacent or contiguous thereto, from private owners or from the United States Government; and said division may accept in the name of the state the title to any such lands, whether from said Escambia County, or whether same be property acquired from private owners or the United States Government.

History.—s. 1, ch. 19345, 1939; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 94, ch. 94-356.

258.10 Division of Recreation and Parks to supervise and maintain Rauscher Park.— After the conveyance of said lands and such additional land as may, from time to time, be acquired, under the provisions of s. 258.09, said lands shall be deemed and held to be a state park, under the supervision of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection, and the said division is charged with the duty of providing for the development, care, upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of said Rauscher Park.

History.—s. 2, ch. 19345, 1939; s. 24, ch. 57-1; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 95, ch. 94-356.

258.11 Land ceded for Royal Palm State Park; proviso.— Section fifteen, and the north half of section twenty-two of township fifty-eight south, range thirty-seven east, situated in Miami-Dade County, is ceded to the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs and designated as the “Royal Palm State Park,” to be cared for, protected, and to remain in the full possession and enjoyment, with all the possessory rights and privileges thereunto, belonging to the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs, for the purpose of a state park, for the benefit and use of all the people of Florida, perpetually; provided, that the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs shall procure a deed to 960 acres of land in Miami-Dade County, in the vicinity of said state park, suitable for agricultural purposes, conveying to said Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs fee simple title thereto, said land to be used as an endowment for the perpetual use and benefit of the said park, its protection, improvement and the beautifying thereof, including the construction of roads and other improvements, either in kind or by the use of the rents and profits accruing therefrom, or the proceeds of sale thereof or any part of said endowment tract.

History.—s. 1, ch. 6949, 1915; RGS 1210; CGL 1701; s. 49, ch. 2008-4.

258.12 Additional lands ceded for Royal Palm State Park.— For the use and benefit of all the people of the state, the state cedes to the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs the south half of section ten, southwest quarter of section eleven, west half of section fourteen, west half of section twenty-three, south half of section twenty-two, northwest quarter of section twenty-seven, north half of section twenty-eight, and northeast quarter of section twenty-nine, township fifty-eight south, range thirty-seven east, situated in Miami-Dade County, as additional acreage to “Royal Palm State Park,” to be cared for and remain in the full possession and enjoyment of said Florida Federation of

Women's Clubs, with all the possessory rights and privileges to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining; provided, that said land is granted to the said Florida Federation of Women's Clubs upon the express condition that said land and every part thereof shall be used as a state park for the use and benefit of all the people of Florida, and for no other purpose; and in the event said grantee shall permit or suffer the use of said land for any other purpose, or shall discontinue the use thereof for such purpose, such misuse or discontinuance shall operate as a defeasance and said land and every part thereof shall revert to the state.

History.—s. 1, ch. 8577, 1921; CGL 1705; s. 50, ch. 2008-4.

258.14 Royal Palm State Park and endowment lands exempt from taxation.— The lands described in ss. 258.11 and 258.12 as the Royal Palm State Park, and the lands conveyed, and to be conveyed to the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs as an endowment for the use and benefit of said state property, are exempt from the payment of state, county, municipal, or any special assessment or any assessment of taxes.

History.—s. 3, ch. 6949, 1915; RGS 1212; s. 2, ch. 8577, 1921; CGL 1704, 1706.

258.15 St. Michael's Cemetery designated a state park.—

(1) St. Michael's Cemetery in Pensacola is designated and declared to be a state park.

(2) The Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection shall manage and operate the said cemetery. However, this section shall not be construed to prevent, and no rule and regulation shall be made which will prevent, the continued interment of bodies in the cemetery lots which are privately owned.

History.—ss. 1, 2, 3, ch. 25464, 1949; ss. 25, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 83, ch. 77-104; s. 96, ch. 94-356; s. 8, ch. 2017-5.

258.156 Savannas State Reserve.— As used in this act:

(1) "Savannas" means the Savannas State Reserve located in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, generally described as lying within sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 24, Township 36 South, Range 40 East, sections 7, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 36 South, Range 41 East, sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, and 21, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, and as more particularly described in the official records of Martin and St. Lucie Counties.

(2) "Vehicle" means a motorized device, such as a motor vehicle or a piece of mechanized equipment, for the transporting of passengers, goods, or apparatus.

(3) "Firearm" means a weapon capable of firing a missile, including a pistol, rifle, or shotgun using an explosive charge as a propellant; a spearfish gun; a crossbow; or a bow and arrow.

(4) "A.T.V." means an all-terrain vehicle, a motorized vehicle which may be used on or off a road, may traverse forest or wetlands, and may have two or more wheels. For purposes of this act, a motorcycle is considered to be an A.T.V.

History.—s. 1, ch. 90-258.

258.157 Prohibited acts in Savannas State Reserve.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person, except an on-duty law enforcement or conservation officer, to operate a vehicle or A.T.V. in the Savannas unless such person is using the provided ingress or egress to a private holding within the described boundary or using the vehicle or A.T.V. to transport a boat to a public boat ramp accessible only through state reserve property, or unless the vehicle or A.T.V. is being used in conjunction with a permitted or supervised educational field trip, a wildlife survey, or state agency natural resources management activities.

(2) It is unlawful for any person, except a law enforcement or conservation officer, to have in his or her possession any firearm while within the Savannas except when in compliance with regulations established by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission applying to lands within the described boundaries.

(3) Any person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

History.—s. 3, ch. 90-258; s. 154, ch. 95-148; s. 77, ch. 99-245.

258.158 Exemption from s. 588.15.— The state is exempt from the provisions of s. 588.15 with respect to any property within the state park system that has free-roaming animal populations.