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## **DIGEST**

<u>Present law</u> allows the secretary to enter into agreements with the federal government or any other agency, or both, for acquiring by lease, purchase, or otherwise, such lands that are desirable for office of state parks holdings.

<u>Present law</u> allows the secretary to make expenditures from any fund not otherwise obligated, for the management, development and utilization of such areas, to sell or otherwise dispose of products from such lands, and make any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the duties of the Department of Culture, recreation and tourism.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the secretary to exchange lands when it is necessary to do so in order to obtain other lands of value by the office of state parks.

<u>Present law</u> requires the secretary to obtain permission of the legislature before exchanging an established state park for other lands of value.

<u>Proposed law</u> would allow the secretary to sell established state park lands and use the proceeds to acquire lands for a new and improved state park, to be located within the boundaries of the political subdivision that the state park sold was located.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:1687(12))