

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks—Cabin Fees and Land Purchases

SB 123 allows the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to directly set fees for the use of cabins owned or operated by the KDWP. Prior law required the Secretary to set cabin fees through the administrative rules and regulations process. The bill exempts the setting of cabin fees from the Rules and Regulations Filing Act (KSA 77-415 through 77-437). The maximum fees for use of KDWP cabins cannot exceed \$250 per night; \$1,500 per week; and \$5,000 per month.

Additionally, the bill lowers the aggregate threshold amount that requires approval by act of the Legislature from 640 acres to 160 acres of land purchased by KDWP. The bill also removes the exception that allowed for a purchase of land without such legislative approval from a private individual if the purchase price is less than the appraised value of the land. Finally, the bill allows the State Finance Council to give approval of land purchases when the Legislature is not in session.