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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 298

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state parks; and providing for an  
7 effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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9 \* Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 41.20.261. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE  
11 AS A STATE PARK FOR WILDERNESS PURPOSES. (a) The presently state-owned  
12 lands and waters, and all those acquired in the future by the state,  
13 lying within the parcels described in this section are designated as the  
14 Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park. In order to protect and preserve  
15 these lands and waters for their unique and exceptional wilderness value,  
16 the park is established and shall be managed as a wilderness park. The  
17 lands and waters lying within the following described parcels are re-  
18 served from all uses incompatible with their primary function as a  
19 wilderness park and are assigned to the Department of Natural Resources  
20 for control, development and maintenance:

21 (1) Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

22 Section 9: S 1/2

23 Section 10: S 1/2

24 Section 11: S 1/2

25 Section 12: S 1/2

26 Sections 13 - 16

27 Sections 19 - 36

28 (2) Township 9 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

29 Section 7

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1 Section 8: S 1/2 and NW 1/4

2 Section 13: S 1/2

3 Section 14: S 1/2

4 Sections 15 - 36

5 (3) Township 9 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

6 Section 11: NE 1/4

7 Sections 12 - 13

8 (4) Township 10 South, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

9 Sections 5 - 7

10 (5) Township 10 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

11 (6) Township 10 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

12 (7) Township 10 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

13 (8) Township 11 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

14 (9) Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

15 (10) Township 11 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

16 Sections 1 - 2

Section 11: E 1/2

Sections 12 - 13

19 Section 24

20 (b) The following public domain lands shall be selected by the  
21 state, and classified as wilderness park lands and designated as part  
22 of Kachemak Bay State Park immediately upon receipt of management  
23 authority by the state:

24 (1) Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

25 Sections 4 - 5 and 8 - 9

26 Sections 18 - 21

27 Sections 28 - 33

28 (2) Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian: W 1/2

29 (3) Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

1 (c) Lands lying within the parcels described in (a) and (b) of  
2 this section, upon which there are valid entries or upon which there  
3 are valid applications for leases filed under AS 38.05 before May 9,  
4 1971 are excepted from (a) and (b) of this section; however, if any  
5 lands excepted under this subsection are subsequently relinquished to  
6 the state, they shall be included as part of Kachemak Bay State Wilder-  
7 ness Park.

8 Sec. 41.20.450. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter

9 (1) "scenic park" means relatively spacious areas of out-  
10 standing natural significance, where major values are in their natural  
11 geological, faunal or floral characteristics, the purpose of which is  
12 directed primarily toward the preservation of its outstanding natural  
13 features and where development is minimal and only for the purpose of  
14 making the areas available for public enjoyment in a manner consistent  
15 with the preservation of the natural values such as camping, picnicking,  
16 sightseeing, nature study, hiking, riding and related activities which  
17 involve no major modification of the lands, forests or waters, and  
18 without extensive introduction of artificial features or forms of  
19 recreational development that are primarily of urban characters;

20 (2) "wilderness park" means an area whose predominant  
21 character is the result of the interplay of natural processes, large  
22 enough and so situated as to be unaffected, except in minor ways, by  
23 what takes place in the nonwilderness around it, a physical condition  
24 which activates the innermost emotions of the observer and where  
25 development of man-made objects will be strictly limited and depend  
26 entirely on good taste and judgment so that the wilderness values are  
27 not lost.

28 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the date after its passage and approval  
29 or on the day it becomes law without approval.