
Capital Budget Committee

HJM 4010

Brief Description: Requesting that the Blanchard State Forest be renamed the "Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest."

Sponsors: Representatives Morris and Lytton.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests that the Blanchard State Forest be renamed the Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest. |
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Hearing Date: 2/17/17

Staff: Christine Thomas (786-7142).

Background:

The Board of Natural Resources in its role as the the Board of Geographic Names (BGN), with assistance from the Committee on Geographic Names, officially approves names for lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and other geographic features within the state. According to BGN policy, commemorative names must be be consistent with the following standard: "The person being honored should have had either some direct or long-term association with the feature or have made a significant contribution to the area in which it is located...". An example of "direct or long-term association" includes a person who played a large part in protecting the land for the public benefit. Commemorative name proposals should show evidence of local support for the name and provide evidence of historical significance and address other decision factors. Approved geographic names are officially recorded in rule.

Summary of Bill:

It is requested that the Board of Geographic Names renames the Blanchard State Forest as the "Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest" in honor of Harriet Spanel.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.