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H.B. No. 139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to transfer of the Odessa Meteor Crater to the Parks and  
3 Wildlife Department.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 22, Parks and Wildlife  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 22.185 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.185. ODESSA METEOR CRATER. (a) The department  
8 shall acquire and operate the Odessa Meteor Crater as a part of the  
9 state parks system.

10 (b) All revenues collected from leases or concessions shall  
11 be deposited to the credit of the state parks account.

12 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2004:

13 (1) Ector County shall transfer to the Parks and  
14 Wildlife Department all functions and activities relating to the  
15 Odessa Meteor Crater performed by Ector County;

16 (2) all employees of Ector County who primarily  
17 perform duties related to the Odessa Meteor Crater shall become  
18 employees of the Parks and Wildlife Department;

19 (3) all contracts and other obligations of Ector  
20 County related to the Odessa Meteor Crater shall be transferred to  
21 the Parks and Wildlife Department; and

22 (4) Ector County shall transfer to the Parks and  
23 Wildlife Department all property owned by Ector County related to  
24 the Odessa Meteor Crater, including real property and any money

1 appropriated by this state for the operation of the Odessa Meteor  
2 Crater.

3 (b) Before January 1, 2004, Ector County shall agree with  
4 the Parks and Wildlife Department to transfer to the Parks and  
5 Wildlife Department any functions, activities, employees,  
6 contracts, obligations, or property of Ector County related to the  
7 Odessa Meteor Crater to implement the transfer required by  
8 Subsection (a) of this section.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.