

26 Section 1. Section **79-4-605** is enacted to read:

27 **79-4-605. Little Sahara included within state park system.**

28 (1) As used in this section, "Little Sahara Recreation Area" means the area of land in
29 the Sevier Desert, approximately 55,905 acres, fully described by the map and legal description
30 on file with the division.

31 (2) The division may:

32 (a) enter into an agreement for the use of the Little Sahara Recreation Area as a state
33 park with the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

34 (b) receive donations of land or facilities at the Little Sahara Recreation Area for
35 inclusion within the state park.

36 (3) In entering the agreement described in Subsection (2)(a), the division may:

37 (a) pursue a land transfer agreement with the United States Bureau of Land
38 Management;

39 (b) if a land transfer agreement is not possible, seek to purchase or lease the land from
40 the United States Bureau of Land Management through the Recreation and Public Purposes
41 Act, 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.; and

42 (c) finalize an agreement to receive land by transfer, purchase, or lease, as described in
43 Subsections (3)(a) and (b), if:

44 (i) the resulting state park, including the cost of law enforcement, would be financially
45 self-sustaining;

46 (ii) all current grazing allotments shall be maintained in their existing form; and

47 (iii) the Legislative Management Committee and the Natural Resources, Agriculture,
48 and Environment ~~H~~→ **Interim** ←~~H~~ Committee approve the plan to expand the state park system by
48a including the

49 Little Sahara Recreation Area.

50 (4) If the division successfully enters into the agreement described in Subsection (2)(a),
51 the division shall negotiate in good faith with the School and Institutional Trust Lands
52 Administration to attempt to:

53 (a) purchase parcels of school and institutional trust land located within the boundaries
54 of the Little Sahara Recreation Area; or

55 (b) trade parcels of school and institutional trust land located within the boundaries of
56 the Little Sahara Recreation Area for other parcels of state land.