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Emmerson Slashes Budget and Also Reduces Sums Asked by Other Depts.

A slash of \$616,400 in the biennial appropriations for the department of pardons and paroles and supervision of paroles was ordered by Governor Louis L. Emmerson in the department of welfare appropriation bill sent to the general assembly last week. Appropriations for pardons and paroles in 1927 were \$1,362,200. Gov. Emmerson recommends that they be reduced to \$745,800.

The great slash in appropriations for this department is in line with the governor's announced policy of eliminating useless jobs and unnecessary expenses. It follows closely on a series of department slashes announced previously when appropriation bills for other departments were sent to the legislature.

Earlier Cuts

These earlier cuts included a reduction of \$321,400 in the appropriations asked for the state commerce commission; \$85,790 reduction for the fire marshal's office; \$77,800 for the department of registration and \$90,870 for the general office of the department of conservation. All the above mentioned savings are effected through the elimination of unnecessary positions, reduction in travelling expenses and savings in office operation.

"In making these savings, I am not crippling the work of any department," Governor Emmerson told newspaper men. "I promised in my campaign to eliminate from the state payrolls men who did not give a dollar's worth of service for every dollar they received. These reductions are in line with policy. Every department has been given sufficient appropriations to operate efficiently but the appropriations in excess of the actual department needs have been eliminated."

Two Bathing Beaches

The Park Board operates two popular bathing beaches, one at Central Park and one at Roger Williams avenue, and owns 300 feet of beach north of Park avenue. Central Park, Memorial Park and several small plots of ground, while not the property of the district, are under the care of the board.

The extension of the boundaries of the Park District by the annexation of the greater part of the city of Highland Park not in the original limits of the district, which lay East of the C. & N. W. R.R., has resulted in a rapid development during the last few years and has placed Highland Park in the forefront among Illinois cities in recreational facilities. The Park tax rate has however been kept low in comparison with other cities by the boards policy of moderated annual bond retirements.

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