

Public Law 99-323  
99th Congress

An Act

To reduce the costs of operating Presidential libraries, and for other purposes.

May 27, 1986

[H.R. 1349]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Presidential Libraries Act of 1986".

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Libraries Act of  
1986.  
Historic  
preservation.  
44 USC 101 note.

RESEARCH AND MUSEUM FACILITIES

SEC. 2. Section 2101(1) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the semicolon a comma and "and may include research facilities and museum facilities in accordance with this chapter".

PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVAL DEPOSITORIES

SEC. 3. (a) Section 2112(a) of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) When the Archivist considers it to be in the public interest, the Archivist may—

Gifts and  
property.  
Real property.

"(A)(i) accept, for and in the name of the United States, land, a facility, and equipment offered as a gift to the United States for the purpose of creating a Presidential archival depository;

"(ii) take title to the land, facility, and equipment on behalf of the United States; and

"(iii) maintain, operate, and protect the land, facility, and equipment as a Presidential archival depository and as part of the national archives system;

"(B)(i) make agreements, upon terms and conditions the Archivist considers proper, with a State, political subdivision, university, institution of higher learning, institute, or foundation to use as a Presidential archival depository land, a facility, and equipment of the State, subdivision, university, or other organization, to be made available by it without transfer of title to the United States; and

"(ii) maintain, operate, and protect the depository as a part of the national archives system; and

"(C) accept, for and in the name of the United States, gifts offered for the purpose of making any physical or material change or addition to a Presidential archival depository.

"(2) The Archivist shall promulgate architectural and design standards applicable to Presidential archival depositories in order to ensure that such depositories (A) preserve Presidential records subject to chapter 22 of this title and papers and other historical materials accepted for deposit under section 2111 of this title and (B) contain adequate research facilities.

44 USC 2201 et  
seq.

"(3) Prior to accepting and taking title to any land, facility, or equipment under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), or prior to entering into any agreement under subparagraph (B) of such paragraph or any other agreement to accept or establish a Presidential archival depository, the Archivist shall submit a written report on

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the proposed Presidential archival depository to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include—

“(A) a description of the land, facility, and equipment offered as a gift or to be made available without transfer of title;

“(B) a statement specifying the estimated total cost of the proposed depository and the amount of the endowment for the depository required pursuant to subsection (g) of this section;

“(C) a statement of the terms of the proposed agreement, if any;

“(D) a general description of the types of papers, documents, or other historical materials proposed to be deposited in the depository to be created, and of the terms of the proposed deposit;

“(E) a statement of any additional improvements and equipment associated with the development and operation of the depository, an estimate of the costs of such improvements and equipment, and a statement as to the extent to which such costs will be incurred by any Federal or State government agency;

“(F) an estimate of the total annual cost to the United States of maintaining, operating, and protecting the depository; and

“(G) a certification that such facility and equipment (whether offered as a gift or made available without transfer of title) comply with standards promulgated by the Archivist pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

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“(4) Prior to accepting any gift under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) for the purpose of making any physical or material change or addition to a Presidential archival depository, or prior to implementing any provision of law requiring the making of such a change or addition, the Archivist shall submit a report in writing on the proposed change or addition to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include—

“(A) a description of such gift;

“(B) a statement specifying the estimated total cost of the proposed physical or material change or addition and the amount of the deposit in an endowment for the depository required pursuant to subsection (g) of this section in order to meet the cost of such change or addition;

“(C) a statement of the purpose of the proposed change or addition and a general description of any papers, documents, or historical materials proposed to be deposited in the depository as a result of such change or addition;

“(D) a statement of any additional improvements or equipment for the depository associated with such change or addition;

“(E) an estimate of the increase in the total annual cost to the United States of maintaining, operating, and protecting the depository that will result from such change or addition; and

“(F) a certification that the depository, and the equipment therein will, after such change or addition, comply with the standards promulgated by the Archivist pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

“(5) The Archivist may not—

“(A) accept or take title to land, a facility, or equipment under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) for the purpose of creating a Presidential archival depository;

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“(B) enter into any agreement under subparagraph (B) of such paragraph or any other agreement to accept or establish a Presidential archival depository; or

“(C) accept any gift under subparagraph (C) of such paragraph for the purpose of making any physical or material change to a Presidential archival depository,

until the expiration of a period of 60 days of continuous session of Congress beginning on the date on which the Archivist transmits the report required under paragraph (3) of this subsection with respect to such Presidential archival depository or the report required under paragraph (4) of this subsection with respect to such change or addition, as the case may be.”

(b) Section 2112(g) of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(g)(1) When the Archivist considers it to be in the public interest, the Archivist may solicit and accept gifts or bequests of money or other property for the purpose of maintaining, operating, protecting, or improving a Presidential archival depository. The proceeds of gifts or bequests, together with the proceeds from fees or from sales of historical materials, copies or reproductions, catalogs, or other items, having to do with a Presidential archival depository, shall be paid into an account in the National Archives Trust Fund and shall be held, administered, and expended for the benefit and in the interest of the Presidential archival depository in connection with which they were received, and for the same purposes and objects, including custodial and administrative services for which appropriations for the maintenance, operation, protection, or improvement of Presidential archival depositories might be expended.

“(2) The Archivist shall provide for the establishment in such Trust Fund of separate endowments for the maintenance of the land, facility, and equipment of each Presidential archival depository, to which shall be credited any gifts or bequests received under paragraph (1) that are offered for that purpose. Income to each such endowment shall be available to cover the cost of facility operations, but shall not be available for the performance of archival functions under this title.

“(3) The Archivist shall not accept or take title to any land, facility, or equipment under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(1), or enter into any agreement to use any land, facility, or equipment under subparagraph (B) of such subsection for the purpose of creating a Presidential archival depository, unless the Archivist determines that there is available, by gift or bequest for deposit under paragraph (2) of this subsection in an endowment with respect to such depository, an amount for the purpose of maintaining such land, facility, and equipment equal to—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the total cost of acquiring or constructing such facility and of acquiring and installing such equipment, multiplied by

“(ii) 20 percent; plus

“(B)(i) if title to the land is to be vested in the United States, the product of—

“(I) the total cost of acquiring the land upon which such facility is located, or such other measure of the value of such land as is mutually agreed upon by the Archivist and the donor, multiplied by

“(II) 20 percent; or

*Ante*, p. 495.

“(ii) if title to the land is not to be vested in the United States, the product of—

“(I) the total cost to the donor of any improvements to the land upon which such facility is located (other than such facility and equipment), multiplied by

“(II) 20 percent; plus

“(C) if the Presidential archival depository will exceed 70,000 square feet in area, an amount equal to the product of—

“(i) the sum of—

“(I) the total cost described in clause (i) of subparagraph (A); plus

“(II) the total cost described in subclause (I) or (II) of subparagraph (B)(i), as the case may be, multiplied by

“(ii) the percentage obtained by dividing the number of square feet by which such depository will exceed 70,000 square feet by 70,000.

“(4) If a proposed physical or material change or addition to a Presidential archival depository would result in an increase in the costs of facility operations, the Archivist may not accept any gift under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) for the purpose of making such a change or addition, or may not implement any provision of law requiring the making of such a change or addition, unless the Archivist determines that there is available, by gift or bequest for deposit under paragraph (2) of this subsection in an endowment with respect to such depository, an amount for the purpose of maintaining the land, facility, and equipment of such depository equal to the difference between—

“(A) the amount which, pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, would have been required to have been available for deposit in such endowment with respect to such depository if such change or addition had been included in such depository on—

“(i) the date on which the Archivist took title to the land, facility, and equipment for such depository under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(1); or

“(ii) the date on which the Archivist entered into an agreement for the creation of such depository under subparagraph (B) of such paragraph,

as the case may be; minus

“(B) the amount which, pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, was required to be available for deposit in such endowment with respect to such depository on the date the Archivist took such title or entered into such agreement, as the case may be.”

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#### APPLICABILITY

44 USC 2112  
note.

SEC. 4. Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 2112(g) of title 44, United States Code (as added by the amendment made by section 3(b) of this Act) shall apply with respect to any Presidential archival depository created as a depository for the papers, documents, and other historical materials and Federal records pertaining to any President who takes the oath of office as President for the first time on or after January 20, 1985.

## STUDY OF MUSEUM OF THE PRESIDENTS

SEC. 5. (a) The Archivist of the United States, in consultation with the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Capital Planning Commission, shall study the demand for, and the cost, and space and program requirements of, establishing a museum of the Presidents. With respect to such costs, the study shall examine the feasibility of establishing and operating such museum exclusively with non-Federal funds.

(b) Each Federal agency shall cooperate with the Archivist in conducting the study required by subsection (a).

(c) In the annual report for fiscal year 1986 required by section 2106 of title 44, United States Code, the Archivist shall include a statement of the results of the study required by subsection (a) and any recommendations of the Archivist with respect to establishing such a museum.

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