Public Law 100-560
100th Congress

An Act

To provide for the establishment of the Poverty Point National Monument, and for other purposes.

Oct. 31, 1988
[H.R. 775]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Conservation.
Louisiana.
16 USC 431 note.

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to preserve the archaeological area known as Poverty Point, Louisiana, and to interpret and conduct further research on such area, its people and their culture, there is hereby established the Poverty Point National Monument (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "monument").

(b) AREA INCLUDED.—The monument shall consist of the lands and interests in lands within the area generally depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map, Poverty Point National Monument", numbered PO-PT 80,000, and dated August 1988. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and at the monument. The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") may, from time to time, make minor revisions in the boundary of the monument.

SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION.

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(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the monument in accordance with this Act and with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the national park system, including the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467). The Secretary is authorized to acquire personal property for the purpose of administering the monument.

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(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop and implement a management plan for the monument. The Secretary shall promptly submit such plan to the appropriate committees of the Congress.

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with institutions of higher education and professional societies to conduct further research on Poverty Point, its people and their culture.

(d) EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretary shall utilize existing authority, to the extent practicable, to employ those persons managing the State commemorative area at Poverty Point, Louisiana.

SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF LAND.

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The Secretary may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the monument by donation, purchase from a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange. Lands, and interests in lands, within the boundaries of the monument which

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are owned by the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only by donation.

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SEC. 4. ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) There is hereby established the Poverty Point National Monument Advisory Commission (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Advisory Commission"). The Advisory Commission shall be composed of 7 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

(A) 3 members from those nominated by the Governor of Louisiana, including the State of Louisiana Historic Preservation Officer;

(B) 2 members from professional archaeologists in the archaeology community; and

(C) 2 members from the public with particular interests in Poverty Point.

(2) Members of the Advisory Commission shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. Any member of the Advisory Commission appointed for a definite term may serve after the expiration of his term until his successor is appointed.

(3) The Advisory Commission shall designate one of its members as Chairperson.

(b) MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.—The Secretary, or his designee, shall from time to time, but at least semiannually, meet and consult with the Advisory Commission on matters relating to the management and development of the monument.

(c) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Commission shall meet on a regular basis. Notice of meetings and agenda shall be published in local newspapers which have a distribution which generally covers the area affected by the monument. Advisory Commission meetings shall be held at locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate public involvement.

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(d) EXPENSES.—Members of the Advisory Commission shall serve without compensation as such, but the Secretary may pay expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act on vouchers signed by the Chairperson.

(e) CHARTER.—The provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Act of October 6, 1972; 86 Stat. 776), are hereby waived with respect to this Advisory Commission.

16 USC 431 note.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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