

## Calendar No. 1042

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Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

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**AN ACT**

To require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preservation of  
5 Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War  
6 Reconstruction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL DATABASE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United  
3 States shall preserve relevant records and establish, as  
4 part of the National Archives, an electronically searchable  
5 national database consisting of historic records of ser-  
6 vitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction,  
7 including *Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands*  
8 *Records*, the Southern Claims Commission Records,  
9 Records of the Freedmen’s Bank, Slave Impressments  
10 Records, Slave Payroll Records, Slave Manifest, and oth-  
11 ers, contained within the agencies and departments of the  
12 Federal Government to assist African Americans and oth-  
13 ers in conducting genealogical and historical research.

14 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database established under  
15 this section shall be maintained by the National Archives  
16 or an entity within the National Archives designated by  
17 the Archivist.

18 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND**  
19 **LOCAL DATABASES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Historical Publica-  
21 tions and Records Commission of the National Archives  
22 shall provide grants to States, colleges and universities,  
23 and genealogical associations to preserve records and es-  
24 tablish electronically searchable databases consisting of  
25 local records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil  
26 War reconstruction.

1           (b) MAINTENANCE.—The databases established using  
2 grants provided under this section shall be maintained by  
3 appropriate agencies or institutions designated by the Na-  
4 tional Historical Publications and Records Commission.

5 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6           There are authorized to be appropriated—

7           (1) \$5,000,000 to implement section 2; and

8           (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants under section

9           3.

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