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H. R. 4119

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special
resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist
Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “West Hunter Street
3 Baptist Church Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall con-
6 duct a special resource study of the historic West Hunter
7 Street Baptist Church, located at 775 Martin Luther King
8 Jr. Drive, SW., Atlanta, Georgia and the block on which
9 the church is located.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
11 section (a), the Secretary shall—

12 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
13 site;

14 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
15 designating the area as a unit of the National Park
16 System;

17 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
18 protection, and interpretation of the site by Federal,
19 State, or local governmental entities, or private and
20 nonprofit organizations;

21 (4) consult with interested Federal, State, or
22 local governmental entities, private and nonprofit or-
23 ganizations or any other interested individuals;

24 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
25 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
26 maintenance associated with the alternatives;

1 (6) consider the effect of the designation of the
2 study area as a unit of the National Park System
3 on—

4 (A) existing commercial and recreational
5 activities, including but not limited to hunting,
6 fishing, and recreational shooting, and on the
7 authorization, construction, operation, maintenance,
8 or improvement of energy production
9 and transmission infrastructure; and

10 (B) the authority of State and local governments
11 to manage those activities.

12 (7) identify any authorities, including condemnation,
13 that will compel or permit the Secretary
14 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
15 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal
16 lands if the study area is designated a unit of the
17 National Park System.

18 (c) NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.—Upon commencement
19 of the study, owners of private property adjacent to the area
20 will be notified of the
21 study's commencement and scope.

22 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
23 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with the
24 National Park System General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C.
25 1a–5(c)).

1 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
2 on which funds are first made available for the study
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
4 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
6 Resources of the Senate a report containing the results
7 of the study and any conclusions and recommendations of
8 the Secretary.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.