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# S. 140

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2019

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “James K. Polk Presi-  
5       dential Home Study Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY OF JAMES K. POLK** 7       **PRESIDENTIAL HOME.**

8       (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2     the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
4     means the President James K. Polk Home in Co-  
5     lumbia, Tennessee, and adjacent property.

6     (b) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

7           (1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a spe-  
8     cial resource study of the study area.

9           (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under  
10    paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

11           (A) evaluate the national significance of  
12    the study area;

13           (B) determine the suitability and feasibility  
14    of designating the study area as a unit of the  
15    National Park System;

16           (C) consider other alternatives for preser-  
17    vation, protection, and interpretation of the  
18    study area by the Federal Government, State or  
19    local government entities, or private and non-  
20    profit organizations;

21           (D) consult with interested Federal agen-  
22    cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-  
23    vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other  
24    interested individuals; and

1           (E) identify cost estimates for any Federal  
2           acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-  
3           ation, and maintenance associated with the al-  
4           ternatives.

5           (3) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required  
6           under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accord-  
7           ance with section 100507 of title 54, United States  
8           Code.

9           (4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the  
10          date on which funds are first made available for the  
11          study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sub-  
12          mit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
13          sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural  
14          Resources of the House of Representatives a report  
15          that describes—

16                 (A) the results of the study; and

17                 (B) any conclusions and recommendations  
18          of the Secretary.

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