

§ 426c. Assistants to commission; expenses of commission

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to assign any officials of the Interior Department to the assistance of the commission if he deems it advisable. He is authorized to pay the reasonable expenses of the commission and their assistants incurred in the actual performance of the duties imposed upon them by sections 426 to 426j of this title.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §4, 44 Stat. 1400; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426d. Receipt of report of commission by Secretary of the Interior; acquisition of land for battlefield; other duties of Secretary

Upon receipt of the report of said commission, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, when purchasable at prices deemed by him reasonable, otherwise by condemnation, such tract or tracts of lands as are recommended by the commission as necessary and desirable for a national battlefield; to establish and substantially mark the boundaries of the said battlefield; to definitely mark all lines of battle and locations of troops within the boundaries of the battlefield and erect substantial historical tablets at such points within the battlefield and in the vicinity of the battlefield and its approaches as are recommended by the commission, together with such other points as the Secretary of the Interior may deem appropriate; to construct the necessary roads and walks, plant trees and shrubs, restore and care for the grounds, including the Hazen Monument: *Provided*, That the entire cost of acquiring said land, including cost of condemnation proceedings, if any, ascertainment of title, surveys, and compensation for the land, the cost of marking the battlefield, the expenses of the commission, and the establishment of the national military battlefield, shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §5, 44 Stat. 1400; Apr. 15, 1930, ch. 167, 46 Stat. 167; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

AMENDMENTS

1930—Act Apr. 15, 1930, inserted “military” between “national” and “park”, authorized construction of roads and walks, planting of trees and shrubs, restoration and care of grounds, including the Hazen Monument, and inserted “and the establishment of the national military park” in proviso.

CHANGE OF NAME

“National battlefield” and “battlefield” substituted in text for “national military park” and “park”, respectively, in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426i of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426e. Lands acquired declared national battlefield; name

Upon the ceding of jurisdiction by the legislature of the State of Tennessee and the report of the Attorney General of the United States that a perfect title has been acquired, the lands acquired under the provisions of sections 426 to 426j of this title, together with the area already inclosed within the national cemetery at the battlefield of Stones River and the Government reservation in said battlefield upon which is erected a large monument to the memory of the officers and soldiers of General Hazen’s brigade who fell on the spot, are declared to be a national battlefield, to be known as the Stones River National Battlefield.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §6, 44 Stat. 1400; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” and “national battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River National Park” and “national park”, respectively, in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426i of this title.

§ 426f. Control of battlefield; regulations

The said Stones River National Battlefield shall be under the control of the Secretary of the Interior, and he is authorized to make all needed regulations for the care of the battlefield. The superintendent of the Stones River National Cemetery shall likewise be the superintendent of and have the custody and care of the Stones River National Battlefield, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §7, 44 Stat. 1400; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” and “battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River National Park” and “park”, respectively, in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426i of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426g. Occupation of lands by former owners

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into agreements, upon such nominal terms as he may prescribe, with such present owners of the land as may desire to remain upon it, to occupy and cultivate their present holdings, upon condition that they will preserve the present buildings and roads, and the present outlines of field and forest, and that they will only cut trees or underbrush under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and that they will assist in caring for and protecting all tablets, monuments, or such other artificial works as may from time to time be erected by proper authority.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §8, 44 Stat. 1400; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426h. Ascertaining and marking lines of battle

It shall be lawful for the authorities of any State having troops engaged in the battle of Stones River to enter upon the lands and approaches of the Stones River National Battlefield for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of troops engaged therein: *Provided*, That before any such lines are permanently designated, the position of the lines and the proposed methods of marking them by monuments, tablets, or otherwise shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, and shall first receive the written approval of the Secretary.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §9, 44 Stat. 1401; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River National Park” in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426*l* of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426i. Protection of monuments, etc.

If any person shall willfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any monument, column, statue, memorial structure, or work of art that shall be erected or placed upon the grounds of the battlefield by lawful authority, or shall willfully destroy or remove any fence, railing, inclosure, or other work for the protection or ornament of said battlefield, or any portion thereof; or shall willfully destroy, cut, hack, bark, break down, or otherwise injure any tree, bush, or shrubbery that may be growing upon said battlefield, or shall cut down or fell or remove any timber, battle relic, tree, or trees growing or being upon such battlefield, except by permission of the Secretary of the Interior, or shall willfully remove or destroy any breastworks, earthworks, walls, or other defenses or shelter, or any part thereof, constructed by the armies formerly engaged in the battle on the lands or approaches to the battlefield, any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall for each and every such offense be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §10, 44 Stat. 1401; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Battlefield” substituted in text for “park” in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426*l* of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426j. Authorization of appropriation; fixing of boundaries as condition to purchase of lands

The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended for the purposes of sections 426 to 426*j* of this title: *Provided*, That no obligation for the purchase of lands shall be incurred until the commission has fixed the boundaries of said battlefield.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §11, 44 Stat. 1401; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Battlefield” substituted in text for “park” in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426*l* of this title.

§ 426k. Acquisition of additional lands

In furtherance of the purposes of sections 426 to 426*j* of this title, authorizing establishment of the Stones River National Battlefield, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire by such means as he may deem to be in the public interest, for inclusion in the Stones River National Battlefield, such additional lands and interests in lands, not to exceed seven acres, as in the discretion of the Secretary are necessary for the preservation and interpretation of the battlefield of Stones River, Tennessee.

(Pub. L. 86-443, §§1, 2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River National Park” in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426*l* of this title.

§ 426*l*. Redesignation; availability of appropriations

Stones River National Military Park is redesignated as the Stones River National Battlefield, and any remaining balance of funds appropriated for the purpose of the Stones River National Military Park shall be available for the purpose of Stones River National Battlefield.

(Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

§ 426*m*. Administration, protection, and development

The administration, protection and development of the Stones River National Battlefield shall be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”,¹ as amended.

(Pub. L. 86-443, §3, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other

¹ See References in Text note below.