

1970—Pub. L. 91-293 substituted “\$11,200,000” for “\$7,950,000”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-764 substituted “\$7,950,000” for “\$7,700,000”.

1952—Act July 10, 1952, substituted “\$7,700,000” for “\$4,435,000”.

§ 407s. Administration and operation of properties; use of funds; contracts

Following the acquisition by the Federal Government of properties pursuant to this subchapter and until such time as the buildings thereon are demolished or the properties and buildings thereon are devoted to purposes of the Independence National Historical Park as provided herein, the Secretary is authorized, with respect to the said properties, to administer, operate, manage, lease, and maintain such properties, and lease, demolish, or remove buildings, or space in buildings thereon, in such manner as he shall consider to be in the public interest. Any funds received from leasing the said properties, buildings thereon, or space in buildings thereon, shall be deposited to the credit of a special receipt account and expended for purposes of operating, maintaining, and managing the said properties and demolishing or removing the buildings thereon. The Secretary, in his discretion and notwithstanding other requirements of law, may exercise and carry out the functions authorized herein by entering into agreements or contracts with public or private agencies, corporations, or persons, upon such terms and conditions as he deems to be appropriate in carrying out the purposes of this subchapter.

(June 28, 1948, ch. 687, § 7, as added Oct. 26, 1951, ch. 574, 65 Stat. 644.)

SUBCHAPTER LI-A—NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION CENTER

§ 407aa. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that:

(1) 1987 was the bicentennial of the signing of the United States Constitution;

(2) commemoration of the Constitution’s bicentennial included various events conducted by the Federal Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, and State and local bicentennial commissions;

(3) bicentennial activities included important educational and instructional programs to heighten public awareness of the Constitution and the democratic process;

(4) educational programs for the Constitution should continue after the bicentennial to document its profound impact on the political, economic and social development of this Nation, and in order to recognize those Americans instrumental in the history of the Constitution; and

(5) units of the National Park System preserve and interpret key historic sites that document the history of the origins, subsequent development, and effects of the United States Constitution on this Nation.

(b) Purposes

It is therefore the policy of the Congress to provide each of the following:

(1) the necessary resources to develop a national resource center to undertake, on an ongoing basis, educational programs on the Constitution;

(2) exhibits of, and an archives for, programs on or related to the recent bicentennial of the United States Constitution; and

(3) interpretation of the United States Constitution at those units of the National Park System particularly relevant to its history.

(Pub. L. 100-433, § 2, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1640.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-433, § 1, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1640, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘Constitution Heritage Act of 1988’.”

§ 407bb. Establishment

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish The National Constitution Center (hereafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Center”) within or in close proximity to the Independence National Historical Park. The Center shall disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a nonpartisan basis in order to increase the awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the American people.

(b) Functions of Center

The functions of the Center shall include—

(1) serving as a center of exhibits and related materials on the history and contemporary significance of the Constitution;

(2) directing a national program of public education on the Constitution; issuing traveling exhibits, commissioning radio and television programs, furnishing materials for the schools, and providing other education services;

(3) functioning as an intellectual center, drawing both academics and practitioners to debate and refine constitutional issues and, at the same time, providing intellectual support for the Center’s exhibits and public education program; and

(4) creating archives for programs on the bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

(Pub. L. 100-433, § 3, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1640.)

§ 407cc. Acquisition of site for and operation of Center

(a) Providing site

The Secretary through the General Services Administration, is authorized to provide, upon adequate reimbursement, a site, including necessary structures, for the Center by—

(1) using an existing structure or modifying an existing structure for use; or

(2) constructing a new structure to house the Center. The Secretary may acquire such land as is necessary to provide a site for the Center.

(b) Provision of funds to Center

The Secretary is authorized to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements, con-

tracts or leases with the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which shall operate the Center as provided in this subchapter in order to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Funds authorized to be appropriated under this subchapter may be made available to the National Constitution Center only to the extent that they are matched by such entity with funds from nonfederal sources. (Pub. L. 100-433, § 4, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1641.)

§ 407dd. Directives to Secretary

(a) Independence National Historical Park and other units

The Secretary shall interpret the origins, subsequent development, and effects of the United States Constitution on this country at Independence National Historical Park and at such other units of the National Park System as are closely associated with the Constitution. The Secretary shall select not less than 12 units of the National Park System for such interpretation, including Independence National Historical Park.

(b) Memorial

The Secretary is authorized to establish and maintain at Independence National Historical Park an appropriate memorial to the United States Constitution as a key document in our Nation's history.

(c) Public materials

In coordination with the National Constitution Center, the Secretary shall develop and make available to the public interpretive and educational materials related to sites within the National Park System as referred to in subsection (a).

(d) Cooperative agreements

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the owners or administrators of historic sites closely associated with the Constitution, pursuant to which the Secretary may provide technical assistance in the preservation and interpretation of such sites.

(e) Research and education

The Secretary shall contract with the National Constitution Center and other qualified institutions of higher learning for research and other activities including the distribution of interpretive and educational materials as appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(f) Maintenance of historic integrity

Nothing in this section may be construed to alter or waive the requirement that the Secretary maintain the historic integrity of units of the National Park System, including compliance with section 306108 of title 54.

(Pub. L. 100-433, § 5, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1641.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (f), "section 306108 of title 54" substituted for "section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act (90 Stat. 1320) as amended" on authority of Pub. L. 113-287,

§ 6(e), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272, which Act enacted Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

§ 407ee. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 100-433, § 6, Sept. 16, 1988, 102 Stat. 1642.)

SUBCHAPTER LII—ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK

§ 408. Establishment; acquisition of land

When title to all alienated lands within Isle Royale in Lake Superior, Keweenaw County, Michigan, and immediately surrounding islands as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Interior in the exercise of his judgment and discretion as necessary or desirable for national-park purposes, shall have been vested in the United States, and exclusive jurisdiction over the same shall have been ceded by the State of Michigan to the United States, said area shall be, and is established, dedicated, and set apart as a public park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people, and shall be known as the Isle Royale National Park: *Provided*, That the United States shall not purchase by appropriation of public moneys any lands within the aforesaid area, but such lands shall be secured by the United States only by public or private donation.

(Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 448, § 1, 46 Stat. 1514.)

§ 408a. Acceptance of title to lands

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and upon submission of evidence of title satisfactory to him, to accept on behalf of the United States title to any lands located on said islands offered to the United States, without cost, as may be deemed by him necessary or desirable for national-park purposes.

(Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 448, § 2, 46 Stat. 1514.)

§ 408b. Administration, protection, and development

The administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid park shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to 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: *Provided*, That the provisions of the Federal Power Act [16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.] shall not apply to this park.

(Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 448, § 3, 46 Stat. 1514.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes," referred to in text, is act Aug. 25, 1916, ch. 408, 39 Stat. 535, known as the National Park Service Organic Act, which enacted sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section

¹ See References in Text note below.