

115TH CONGRESS
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To establish the Kennedy–King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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the State of Indiana, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kennedy–King Estab-
5 lishment Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) on April 4, 1968, Robert F. Kennedy was
9 scheduled to give a speech in Indianapolis, Indiana,

1 during the campaign of Mr. Kennedy for the presi-
2 dency of the United States;

3 (2) just before giving the prepared remarks,
4 Mr. Kennedy was informed of the assassination of
5 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., before the news be-
6 came widely known publicly;

7 (3) Mr. Kennedy changed the prepared remarks
8 to inform the large gathering of the death of Dr.
9 King in a manner that called for a nonviolent reac-
10 tion to the violent death;

11 (4) the call of Mr. Kennedy for nonviolence in
12 a moment of unbearable pain helped temper the re-
13 action of people in Indianapolis to the assassination
14 of Dr. King, such that, while many other cities
15 erupted in violence and rioting, Indianapolis did not
16 suffer riots or bloodshed in the days after the assas-
17 sination of Dr. King;

18 (5) the speech of Mr. Kennedy on the volatile
19 occasion has been described as 1 of the great ad-
20 dresses of the 20th century, calling for unity in a
21 time of great unrest;

22 (6) the heartfelt leadership of Mr. Kennedy and
23 call for nonviolence in the face of violence, prior to
24 the assassination of Mr. Kennedy, continues to be a
25 model for people of the United States;

1 (7) the park site at which the speech was held
2 was established in 1961 and has served the commu-
3 nity as a gathering place for social movements and
4 engagement, which is the reason why the site was
5 selected as the location for the speech of Mr. Ken-
6 nedy;

7 (8) a memorial sculpture, known as “Landmark
8 for Peace”, honoring Mr. Kennedy and Dr. King
9 was erected on the site in 1994 to commemorate the
10 events of April 4, 1968, and the message of non-
11 violence taught by Mr. Kennedy and Dr. King;

12 (9) the improvised remarks of Mr. Kennedy to
13 a stricken community continue to resonate today
14 and the site continues to inspire social engagement
15 with the words of Mr. Kennedy, “Why don’t we
16 make a monument to peace where all of us can live
17 together, not with walls coming up but with walls
18 tearing down, so we can go forward together?”; and

19 (10) the site of the speech given by Mr. Ken-
20 nedy on April 4, 1968, should be preserved as a na-
21 tional treasure, and the preservation of the site is
22 most fitting on the 50th anniversary of the speech.

23 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Historic Site”
2 means the Kennedy–King National Historic Site es-
3 tablished by section 4(a)(1).

4 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
5 titled “Kennedy–King National Historic Site Pro-
6 posed Boundary”.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
10 of Indiana.

11 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KENNEDY-KING NA-**
12 **TIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
15 there is established the Kennedy–King National His-
16 toric Site in the State as a unit of the National Park
17 System to preserve, protect, and interpret for the
18 benefit of present and future generations the site of
19 the April 4, 1968, speech of Senator Robert F. Ken-
20 nedy that is associated with the Kennedy–King Park
21 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

22 (2) CONDITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The
23 Historic Site shall not be established until the date
24 on which the Secretary determines that sufficient

1 land has been acquired for the Historic Site to con-
2 stitute a manageable unit.

3 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Historic
4 Site shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the
5 Map.

6 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
7 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
8 fices of the National Park Service.

9 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
11 any land or interest in land located within the
12 boundary of the Kennedy–King Park by—

13 (A) donation;

14 (B) purchase with donated or appropriated
15 funds;

16 (C) exchange;

17 (D) lease or no-cost lease; and

18 (E) cooperative agreements to facilitate
19 continued access to, and maintenance of, and to
20 promote the success of the Historic Site, includ-
21 ing revenue generation.

22 (2) BOUNDARY REVISION.—On the acquisition
23 of any land or interest in land within the Historic
24 Site under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall revise

1 the boundary of the Historic Site to include the ac-
2 quired land or interest in land.

3 (3) PROHIBITION OF ADMISSION FEES.—The
4 Secretary shall not charge a fee for admission to the
5 Historic Site.

6 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
8 ister the Historic Site in accordance with—

9 (A) this Act; and

10 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
11 of the National Park System, including—

12 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
13 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
14 and 102101 of title 54, United States
15 Code; and

16 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
17 States Code.

18 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
20 days after the date on which funds are made
21 available to prepare a general management plan
22 for the Historic Site, the Secretary shall pre-
23 pare the general management plan in accord-
24 ance with section 100502 of title 54, United
25 States Code.

1 (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Imme-
2 diately after completion of the general manage-
3 ment plan under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
4 retary shall submit the general management
5 plan to the Committee on Natural Resources of
6 the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
8 Senate.