

175th CONGRESS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2024

Introduced by Mr. Pluribus, Mr. Threes Twos

A BILL

To modify and adjust the boundaries of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois, Lincoln, and Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky, Lincoln, respectively, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Lincoln Home National Historic Site & Mammoth Cave Boundary Modification Act of 2024”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS

Congress finds the following:

1. Modifying the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site would allow for the building of a replica of the 1844 Lincoln cottage and the Elijah Iles home. With the Abraham Lincoln Association currently raising funds for the replica of the Lincoln Home that the Lincoln family spent their first 12 years in Springfield in. The Elija Iles home is the oldest structure in Springfield, and was owned by the founder of the city of Springfield.

2. Modifying the boundary of Mammoth Cave National Park would allow the Park Service to acquire 980 acres presently owned by The Nature Conservancy. This expansion would increase public access and recreation opportunities. This property would also include two cave passages of historical and cultural significance as well as critical wildlife habitat in the Green River watershed.

SEC. 3. LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

Public Law 92–127 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 85 Stat. 347) is amended—

(1) in the first section—

(A) by striking “That, in order to” and inserting the following:

“SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—The boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site established under subsection (a) is modified as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Boundary Expansion of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site’ and dated February 26, 2021.”;

(2) in section 2—

(A) by striking the section designation and all that follows through “The” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) ACCESSIBILITY.—To improve accessibility, the Secretary of the Interior shall modify the following areas located within the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site to provide universal design and accessibility without the use of sloped surfaces:

“(1) The intersection at 8th Street and Jackson Street.

“(2) The area in front of the home of Abraham Lincoln.”; and

(3) in section 3, by striking the section designation and all that follows through “There are” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are”.

SEC. 4. MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

Section 11 of the Act of June 5, 1942 (56 Stat. 319, chapter 341; 16 U.S.C. 404c–11), is amended—

(1) in the second paragraph, by striking “the sum of not to exceed” in the first sentence and all that follows through the period at the end of the paragraph and inserting “such sums as are necessary.”; and

(2) by inserting after the second paragraph the following:

“ The Secretary of the Interior may acquire approximately 980 acres of the land and any interests in the land generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Mammoth Cave National Park Proposed Southern Boundary Expansion Edmonson and Barren Counties, Kentucky, Lincoln’, numbered 135/177, 967, and dated April 28, 2022, for inclusion in the Mammoth Cave National Park.”.