

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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Historic Site, 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 “Ralph David Aber-

5 nathy, Sr., National Historic Site Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Historic Site”

9 means the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National

10 Historic Site established by section 3(a).

1 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
2 titled “Ralph David Abernathy, Sr. National His-
3 toric Site Proposed Boundary”, numbered P99/
4 184,019, and dated August 2022.

5 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

7 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
8 of Georgia.

9 **SEC. 3. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, SR., NATIONAL HIS-**
10 **TORIC SITE.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
13 there is established the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr.,
14 National Historic Site in the State as a unit of the
15 National Park System to preserve, protect, and in-
16 terpret for the benefit of present and future genera-
17 tions—

18 (A) the site where the Reverend Dr. Aber-
19 nathy served as pastor during the height of the
20 modern civil rights movement, the historic West
21 Hunter Street Baptist Church; and

22 (B) the role of Dr. Abernathy as an inter-
23 nationally recognized civil rights leader.

24 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
25 The Historic Site shall not be established until the

1 date on which the Secretary determines that a suffi-
2 cient quantity of land and interests in land have
3 been acquired to constitute a manageable unit.

4 (3) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date on which the Secretary makes a determination
6 under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall publish in
7 the Federal Register notice of the establishment of
8 the Historic Site.

9 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the Historic Site
10 shall be the boundary generally depicted as “Proposed
11 Boundary” on the Map.

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

15 (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
17 the Secretary may acquire land and interests in land
18 within the boundary of the Historic Site by—

19 (A) donation;

20 (B) purchase from a willing seller with do-
21 nated or appropriated funds; or

22 (C) exchange.

23 (2) LIMITATION.—Any land or interests in land
24 owned by the State or a political subdivision of the

1 State may be acquired for inclusion in the Historic
2 Site only by donation.

3 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
4 ister the Historic Site in accordance with—

5 (1) this section; and

6 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
7 National Park System, including—

8 (A) sections 100101(a), 100751(a),
9 100752, and 100753 of title 54, United States
10 Code; and

11 (B) chapters 1003 and 3201 of title 54,
12 United States Code.

13 (f) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 years
14 after the date on which funds are first made available to
15 carry out this Act, the Secretary shall complete a manage-
16 ment plan for the Historic Site in accordance with section
17 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

18 (g) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into co-
19 operative agreements, leases, or other agreements, as ap-
20 propriate, with the State or other entities to provide and
21 facilitate interpretive and educational services, administra-
22 tive support, and technical assistance related to the His-
23 toric Site within or outside the boundaries of the Historic
24 Site, including—

- 1 (1) the placement of directional and interpretive
- 2 signage;
- 3 (2) exhibits;
- 4 (3) parking and other administrative needs;
- 5 (4) technology-based interpretive devices;
- 6 (5) public interpretation and tours; and
- 7 (6) the preservation of historic and cultural re-
- 8 sources.