

STE. GENEVIEVE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
BOUNDARY REVISION ACT

NOVEMBER 16, 2022.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the  
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6199]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6199) to revise the boundary of the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 6199 is to revise the boundary of the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in the State of Missouri.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 6199 would revise the boundary of the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park<sup>1</sup> in the State of Missouri. The legislation provides for the Secretary of the Interior to acquire, by donation, the land (including any improvements to the land) that is currently owned by the city of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, and used as a visitor center for the Historical Park.

As the oldest European settlement west of the Mississippi River, Ste. Genevieve represents the early French colonial history of the

<sup>1</sup> Often rendered as Ste. Geneviève National Historical Park. Compare, e.g., *Ste. Geneviève National Historical Park*, NPS, <https://www.nps.gov/stge/index.htm> (last updated Nov. 1, 2022) (variously employing the grave accent diacritic and not), with Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141, div. G, tit. IV, § 121(a)(2), 132 Stat. 348, 661 (2018), <http://uscode.house.gov/statviewer.htm?volume=132&page=661>, and *id.* at app. B, § 7134(b)(1), 132 Stat. at 1225A-4, <https://uscode.house.gov/statviewer.htm?volume=132&page=1225A-4> (together with the preceding citation officially establishing the NHP without a diacritic).

United States as part of Missouri’s heritage and early American identity. The National Park Service (NPS) released its final Ste. Genevieve Special Resource Study in May 2016, which found that portions of the Ste. Genevieve historic district met the criteria for inclusion in the National Park System.<sup>2</sup> Based on the study’s findings, Congress passed legislation in 2018 establishing the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park.<sup>3</sup>

Since September 2020, NPS has been managing visitor operations out of the Ste. Genevieve welcome center, a site owned by the city of Ste. Genevieve. This building has become an introductory spot for visitors to learn about the park and programs, reserve a free house tour time slot, watch the 10-minute introductory video, and obtain other general information.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6199 was introduced on December 8, 2021, by Representative Jason Smith (R–MO). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On February 3, 2022, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On February 16, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

#### HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on February 3, 2022.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources’ oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as well as clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

<sup>2</sup>NPS, STE. GENEVIEVE FINAL SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (2016), available at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=155&projectID=31496&documentID=72652>.

<sup>3</sup>Pub. L. No. 115–141, div. G, tit. IV, § 121(a)(2), 132 Stat. at 661, <http://uscode.house.gov/statviewer.htm?volume=132&page=661>; *id.* at app. B, § 7134(b)(1), 132 Stat. at 1225A–4, <https://uscode.house.gov/statviewer.htm?volume=132&page=1225A-4>.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, April 26, 2022.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,  
House Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6199, the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Madeleine Fox.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
Director.

Enclosure.

<b>H.R. 6199, Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act</b>			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 16, 2022			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 6199 would revise the boundary of Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in Missouri. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation, land owned by the city of Ste. Genevieve to be used as the visitor center for the historical park. Currently, the National Park Service (NPS) operates a visitor center on that property under an agreement with the city.

Using information from the NPS, CBO expects that the agency would acquire the site by donation in the first year following enactment. CBO estimates that the administrative costs associated with acquiring the land and updating maps would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Madeleine Fox. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

*2. General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to revise the boundary of the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in the State of Missouri.

## EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

## UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

According to CBO, this bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

## EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

## APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

## PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

## CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

**SECTION 7134 OF DIVISION B OF S. 1460 OF THE 115TH CONGRESS (AS PLACED ON SENATE CALENDAR AND ENACTED INTO LAW BY SECTION 121(A)(2) OF DIVISION G OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018 (PUBLIC LAW 115-141))**

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**SEC. 7134. STE. GENEVIEVE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The term “Historic District” means the Ste. Genevieve Historic District National Historic Landmark, as generally depicted on the Map.

(2) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “Historical Park” means the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park established by subsection (b).

(3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map entitled “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Proposed Boundary Addition”, [numbered 571/149,942, and dated December 2018] *numbered 571/177,464, and dated September 2021.*

(4) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—The term “special resource study” means the study entitled “Ste. Genevieve Final Special Resources Study and Environmental Assessment, Missouri” and dated May 2016.

(5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Missouri.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), there is established the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in the State as a unit of the National Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations the themes of French settlement, vernacular architecture, and community form and farming on the frontier associated with Ste. Genevieve.

(2) CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The Historical Park shall not be established until the date on which the Secretary determines that—

(A) sufficient land has been acquired for the Historical Park to constitute a manageable unit; and

(B) the Secretary has entered into a written agreement providing that land owned by the State, the City of Ste. Genevieve, or other entity within the Historic District shall be managed consistent with the purposes of this section.

(c) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Historical Park shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(2) AUTHORITY TO CORRECT ERRORS.—*The Secretary may correct any clerical or typographical errors in the Map.*

(e) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire any land or interest in land located within the boundary of the Historical Park or any nationally significant property identified in the special resource study within the Historic District by—

(A) donation;

(B) purchase with donated or appropriated funds; or

(C) exchange.

(2) BOUNDARY REVISION.—On the acquisition of any property within the Historic District under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall revise the boundary of the Historical Park to include the property.

(3) VISITOR CENTER.—*The Secretary—*

*(A) may acquire, by donation, the land (including any improvements to the land) owned by the city of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, and used as the visitor center for the Historical Park, as generally depicted on the Map as “Proposed Boundary Addition”; and*

*(B) on acquisition of the land described in subparagraph (A), shall revise the boundary of the Historical Park to include the acquired land.*

(f) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the Historical Park in accordance with—

- (A) this section; and
  - (B) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—
    - (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States Code; and
    - (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States Code.
- (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to prepare a general management plan for the Historical Park, the Secretary shall prepare the general management plan in accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United States Code.
  - (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the general management plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate the general management plan.
- (3) RELATED SITES.—The Secretary may provide interpretative tours and educational programs at related historic and cultural sites within the Historic District associated with the purposes for which the Historical Park is established.
- (g) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance and enter into cooperative agreements with the owner of a nationally significant property within the Historical Park or the Historic District, to identify, mark, interpret, improve, and restore the property.
  - (2) RIGHT OF ACCESS.—A cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall provide that the Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall have the right of access at all reasonable times to all public portions of the property covered by the agreement for the purposes of—
    - (A) conducting visitors through the property; and
    - (B) interpreting the property for the public.
  - (3) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—
    - (A) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the total cost of any activity carried out under a cooperative agreement entered into under this subsection shall be not more than 50 percent.
    - (B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of an activity carried out under a cooperative agreement entered into under this subsection may be in the form of donated property, goods, or services fairly valued.
  - (4) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.—No changes or alterations shall be made to any property or project covered by a cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1) unless the Secretary and the other party to the agreement agree to the changes or alterations.
  - (5) CONVERSION, USE, OR DISPOSAL.—Any payment by the Secretary under this subsection shall be subject to an agreement that the conversion, use, or disposal of a property or project for purposes contrary to the purposes of this section, as

determined by the Secretary, shall entitle the United States to reimbursement in any amount equal to the greater of—

(A) the amounts made available to the property or project by the United States; or

(B) the portion of the increased value of the property or project attributable to the amounts made available under this subsection, as determined at the time of the conversion, use, or disposal.

(h) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in this section authorizes the Secretary to assume overall financial responsibility for the operation, maintenance, or management of the Historic District.

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.

