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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESER-**
2 **VATION ACT.**

3 The National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
4 470 and following; Public Law 89–665) is amended as fol-
5 lows:

6 (1) Section 101(e)(2) (16 U.S.C. 470a(e)(2)) is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(2) The Secretary may administer grants to the Na-
9 tional Trust for Historic Preservation in the United
10 States, chartered by an Act of Congress approved October
11 26, 1949 (63 Stat. 947), consistent with the purposes of
12 its charter and this Act.”.

13 (2) Section 102 (16 U.S.C. 470b) is amended
14 by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f) and
15 by redesignating subsection (d), as added by section
16 4009(3) of Public Law 102–575, as subsection (e).

17 (3) Section 107 (16 U.S.C. 470g) is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 “SEC. 107. Nothing in this Act shall be construed
20 to be applicable to the White House and its grounds, the
21 Supreme Court building and its grounds, or the United
22 States Capitol and its related buildings and grounds. For
23 the purposes of this Act, the exemption for the United
24 States Capitol and its related buildings and grounds shall
25 apply to those areas depicted within the properly shaded
26 areas on the map titled ‘Map Showing Properties Under

1 the Jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol,’ and dated
2 November 6, 1996, which shall be on file in the office of
3 the Secretary of the Interior.”.

4 (4) Section 108 (16 U.S.C. 470h) is amended
5 by striking “1997” and inserting “2005”.

6 (5) Section 110(a) (16 U.S.C. 470h–2(a)) is
7 amended as follows:

8 (A) In paragraph (1) by deleting the sec-
9 ond sentence.

10 (B) In paragraph (2)(D) by deleting “and”
11 at the end thereof.

12 (C) In paragraph (2)(E) by striking the
13 period at the end thereof and inserting “; and”.

14 (D) By adding at the end of paragraph (2)
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(F)(i) When operationally appropriate and
17 economically prudent, when locating Federal facili-
18 ties, Federal agencies shall give first consideration
19 to—

20 “(I) historic properties within historic dis-
21 tricts in central business areas; if no such prop-
22 erty is suitable; then

23 “(II) other developed or undeveloped sites
24 within historic districts in central business
25 areas; then

1 “(III) historic properties outside of historic
2 districts in central business areas, if no suitable
3 site within a historic district exists;

4 “(IV) if no suitable historic properties
5 exist in central business areas, Federal agencies
6 shall next consider other suitable property in
7 central business areas;

8 “(V) if no such property is suitable, Fed-
9 eral agencies shall next consider the following
10 properties outside central business areas;

11 “(VI) historic properties within historic
12 districts; if no such property is suitable; then

13 “(VII) other developed or undeveloped sites
14 within historic districts; then

15 “(VIII) historic properties outside of his-
16 toric districts, if no suitable site within a his-
17 toric district exists.

18 “(ii) Any rehabilitation or construction that is
19 undertaken affecting historic properties must be
20 architecturally compatible with the character of the
21 surrounding historic district or properties.

22 “(iii) As used in this subparagraph:

23 “(I) The term ‘central business area’
24 means centralized community business areas
25 and adjacent areas of similar character, includ-

1 ing other specific areas which may be rec-
2 ommended by local officials.

3 “(II) The term ‘Federal facility’ means a
4 building, or part thereof, or other real property
5 or interests therein, owned or leased by the
6 Federal Government.

7 “(III) The term ‘first consideration’ means
8 a preference. When acquiring property, first
9 consideration means a price or technical evalua-
10 tion preference.”.

11 (6) The first sentence of section 110(l) (16
12 U.S.C. 470h–2(l)) is amended by striking “with the
13 Council” and inserting “pursuant to regulations
14 issued by the Council”.

15 (7) The last sentence of section 212(a) (16
16 U.S.C. 470t(a)) is amended by striking “2000” and
17 inserting “2005”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.