

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 500

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era.

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 “Beaufort County,  
5 South Carolina, Study Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
6 means the historical sites in Beaufort County, South  
7 Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era includ-  
8 ing—

9 (A) the Penn School;

10 (B) the Old Fort Plantation on the Beau-  
11 fort River;

12 (C) the Freedman’s Bureau in Beaufort  
13 College;

14 (D) the first Freedman’s Village of  
15 Mitchellville on Hilton Head Island;

16 (E) various historic buildings and archae-  
17 ological sites associated with Robert Smalls;

18 (F) the Beaufort Arsenal; and

19 (G) other significant sites relating to the  
20 Reconstruction Era.

21 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

22 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special  
23 resource study of the study area to assess the national  
24 significance, suitability and feasibility of designating the  
25 study area as a unit of the National Park System in ac-

1 cordance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16  
2 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
4 on which funds are made available to carry out the special  
5 resource study, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a  
6 report that describes the findings of the study and any  
7 conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

8 **SEC. 4. THEME STUDY.**

9 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a national  
10 historic landmark theme study to identify sites and re-  
11 sources in the United States that are significant to the  
12 Reconstruction Era, and shall include recommendations  
13 for commemorating and interpreting sites and resources  
14 identified by the theme study such as sites that should  
15 be nominated as national historic landmarks and sites that  
16 warrant further study for potential inclusion in the Na-  
17 tional Park System.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
19 on which funds are made available to carry out the theme  
20 study, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report  
21 that describes the findings of the study and any conclu-  
22 sions and recommendations of the Secretary.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appointed such sums as  
3 are necessary to carry out this Act.

      Passed the Senate June 16, 2003.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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