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H. R. 6013

To amend the Act of August 21, 1935, to extend the authorization for the National Park System Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION AND CHANGE IN MEMBER-**
4 **SHIP OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY**
5 **BOARD.**

6 Section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (popularly
7 known as the “Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities
8 Act”)(16 U.S.C. 463) is amended—

9 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
10 lows:

1 “(a)(1) There is hereby established a National Park
2 System Advisory Board, whose purpose shall be to advise
3 the Director of the National Park Service on matters re-
4 lating to the National Park Service, the National Park
5 System, and programs administered by the National Park
6 Service. The Board shall advise the Director on matters
7 submitted to the Board by the Director as well as any
8 other issues identified by the Board. Members of the
9 Board shall be appointed on a staggered-term basis by the
10 Secretary for a term not to exceed 4 years and shall serve
11 at the pleasure of the Secretary.

12 “(2) The Board shall be comprised of no more than
13 12 persons, appointed from among citizens of the United
14 States having a demonstrated commitment to the mission
15 of the National Park Service as follows:

16 “(A) Board members shall be selected to rep-
17 resent various geographic regions, including each of
18 the administrative regions of the National Park
19 Service.

20 “(B) At least 4 of the members shall have out-
21 standing expertise in 1 or more of the following
22 fields: history, archeology, anthropology, historical or
23 landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, ma-
24 rine science, or social science.

1 “(C) Three of the members shall have out-
2 standing expertise and prior experience in the man-
3 agement of national or State parks or protected
4 areas, or natural or cultural resources management.

5 “(D) Three of the members shall have out-
6 standing expertise in another professional or sci-
7 entific discipline, such as financial management,
8 recreation use management, and land use planning
9 or business management, important to the mission
10 of the National Park Service.

11 “(E) At least one member shall have out-
12 standing expertise and prior experience in private
13 sector travel and tourism.

14 “(F) At least one member shall be a locally
15 elected official from an area adjacent or within close
16 proximity to a park.

17 “(3) The Board shall hold its first meeting by no
18 later than 60 days after the date on which all members
19 of the Advisory Board who are to be appointed have been
20 appointed.

21 “(4) Any vacancy in the Board shall not affect its
22 powers and shall be filled in the same manner in which
23 the original appointment was made. The Board may adopt
24 such rules as may be necessary to establish its procedures

1 and to govern the manner of its operations, organization,
2 and personnel.

3 “(5) All members of the Board shall be reimbursed
4 for travel and per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses dur-
5 ing the performance of duties of the Board while away
6 from home or their regular place of business, in accord-
7 ance with subchapter I of Chapter 57 of title 5, United
8 States Code.

9 “(6) With the exception of travel and per diem as
10 noted in paragraph (5), a member of the Board who is
11 otherwise an officer or employee of the United States Gov-
12 ernment shall serve on the Board without additional com-
13 pensation.

14 “(7) It shall be the duty of the Board to advise the
15 Secretary on matters relating to the National Park Sys-
16 tem, to other related areas, and to the administration of
17 this Act, such as matters submitted to it for consideration
18 by the Secretary, but it shall not be required to rec-
19 ommend as to the suitability or desirability of surplus real
20 and related personal property for use as an historic monu-
21 ment. The Board shall also provide recommendations on
22 the designation of national historic landmarks and na-
23 tional natural landmarks and is strongly encouraged to
24 consult with the major scholarly and professional organi-

1 zations in the appropriate disciplines in making such rec-
2 ommendations.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by striking “(1)”; and

5 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

6 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “2006” and
7 inserting “2016”.

8 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

9 The Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 463; 464)
10 is amended—

11 (1) in section 3(c)(1)(D) by striking “arrange-
12 ments.” and inserting “arrangements,”; and

13 (2) in the first subsection of section 4 by insert-
14 ing “(a)” before “The Secretary”.

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