

SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
REDESIGNATION ACT

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AUGUST 25, 2017.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed
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Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 965]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 965) to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act”.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site shall be known and designated as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”.

(b) **AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 88-543.**—Public Law 88-543 (78 Stat.749) is amended—

(1) by striking “National Historic Site” each place it appears and inserting “National Historical Park”;

(2) in section 2(a), by striking “historic site” and inserting “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”;

(3) in section 3, by—

(A) striking “national historical site” and inserting “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”; and

(B) striking “part of the site” and inserting “part of the park”; and

(4) in section 4(b), by striking “traditional to the site” and inserting “traditional to the park”.

(c) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site shall be considered to be a reference to the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 965 is to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site is a 190-acre historic site in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. The site encompasses the summer home, studio, and gardens of renowned American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, whose presence helped spawn the Cornish Artist Colony in Cornish, New Hampshire. The colony, which included painters, sculptors, architects, and artists from many other disciplines, helped drive the artistic movement known as the American Renaissance in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site was authorized by Public Law 88–543 on August 31, 1964, and was established by the Secretary of the Interior on May 30, 1977. The main house and surrounding terraced gardens were donated to the National Park Service (NPS) by the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, an organization dedicated to preserving the home as a historic site. Subsequently, NPS acquired the adjacent Saint-Gaudens Farm, and the historic site boundary was expanded in 2000. In 2010, NPS acquired the adjacent Blow-Me-Down-Farm, the social hub of the Cornish Artist Colony.

H.R. 965 redesignates the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. The titles given to areas managed by NPS vary widely, but Congress has generally attempted to give similar titles to areas that contain certain common features. National historical parks are commonly areas of greater physical extent and complexity than national historic sites, which may only contain a single building. Redesignation of the site does not affect the laws or policies that govern the area, and the major effect of the legislation is changing signage, maps, and handouts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 965 was introduced on February 7, 2017, by Congresswoman Ann M. Kuster (D–NH). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On July 25, 2017, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. Congressman Rob Bishop (R–UT) offered an amendment designated #1; it was adopted by unanimous consent. No further amendments were offered, and the bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent on July 26, 2017.

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, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 18, 2017.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 965, the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

*H.R. 965—Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation
Act*

H.R. 965 would redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Sullivan County, New Hampshire as the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. The National Park Service (NPS) manages national historic sites and national historical parks. National historical parks are typically larger and contain more properties and structures than national historic sites.

Redesignating the site may require NPS to update maps, handouts, and signage. On the basis of the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that those costs would be insignificant and would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 965 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 965 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 965 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Janani Shankaran. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park.”

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.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

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 italic, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

PUBLIC LAW 88-543

AN ACT To authorize establishment of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to preserve in public ownership historically significant properties associated with the life and cultural achievements of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the Secretary of the Interior may acquire, by donation from the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, a corporation, the sites and structures comprising the Saint-Gaudens Memorial situated at Cornish, New Hampshire, and by donation or purchase with donated funds not to exceed three acres of adjacent lands which the Secretary of the Interior deems necessary for the purposes of this Act, together with any works of art, furnishings, reproductions, and other properties within the structures and on the memorial grounds.

SEC. 2. (a) In accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to create a National Park Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes", approved July 10, 1935 (49 Stat. 477), as amended, the National Park Trust Fund Board may accept from the Saint-Gaudens Memorial

the amount of \$100,000 and such additional amounts as the corporation may tender from time to time from the endowment funds under its control, which funds, when accepted, shall be utilized only for the purposes of the [historic site] *Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park* established pursuant to this Act.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under other provisions of law to accept donations of property in the name of the United States.

SEC. 3. When the sites, structures, and other properties authorized for acquisition under the first section of this Act and endowment funds in the amount of \$100,000 have been transferred to the United States, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish the Saint-Gaudens [National Historic Site] *National Historical Park* by publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register. Following such establishment the Secretary may acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange 279 acres of lands and buildings, or interests therein which he deems necessary for addition to the [national historical site] *Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park* and which, when acquired, shall become a [part of the site] *part of the park*.

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall administer, protect, develop, and maintain the Saint-Gaudens [National Historic Site] *National Historical Park* subject to the provisions of this Act and in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented, and the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes", approved August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666).

(b) In order that the Saint-Gaudens [National Historic Site] *National Historical Park* may achieve more effectively its purpose as a living memorial, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate with the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and other organizations and groups in the presentation of art expositions and festivals and other appropriate events that are [traditional to the site] *traditional to the park*.

SEC. 5. The Saint-Gaudens Memorial having by its active interest preserved for posterity this important site, its structures, objects, and cultural values, the executive committee thereof shall, upon establishment of the Saint-Gaudens [National Historic Site] *National Historical Park*, serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior in matters relating to its preservation, development, and use.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not more than \$10,632,000 for development, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. For the acquisition of lands or interest therein, there is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$2,000,000.