

Public Law 100-573
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 31, 1988
[H.R. 5001]

To establish the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

16 USC 460o
note.

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

There is established a commission to be known as the "Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission" (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission"). The Commission shall advise the Secretary of the Interior on matters pertaining to the management and operation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, as well as on other matters affecting the recreation area and its surrounding communities.

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SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION.

(a) **APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission shall be composed of the following 11 members appointed not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act from among persons with knowledge of the recreation area:

(1) 2 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary").

(2) 2 members appointed by the Secretary from among residents of New Jersey nominated by the Governor of New Jersey.

(3) 2 members appointed by the Secretary from among residents of Pennsylvania nominated by the Governor of Pennsylvania.

(4) 1 member appointed by the Secretary from among the residents of each of the following counties nominated by the county administrator of each such county: Sussex County, New Jersey, Warren County, New Jersey, Pike County, Pennsylvania, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

The Secretary shall ensure that the membership of the Commission is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the Commission.

(b) **TERMS.**—Members shall be appointed to the Commission for a term of 4 years. A member may serve after the expiration of his term until his successor has taken office.

(c) **VACANCIES.**—Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(d) **PROHIBITION OF ADDITIONAL PAY.**—Members of the Commission shall receive no additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of their service on the Commission, but the Secretary may pay expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act on vouchers signed by the Chairperson.

(e) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The Commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members of the Commission.

(f) **QUORUM.**—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(g) **VOTING.**—Each member of the Commission shall be entitled to 1 vote, which shall be equal to the vote of every other member of the Commission.

(h) **CHARTER.**—The provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Act of October 6, 1972; 86 Stat. 776), are hereby waived with respect to this Advisory Commission.

SEC. 3. POWERS OF COMMISSION.

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(a) **HEARINGS.**—The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out its functions under section 1, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) **MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**—Members of the Commission shall meet with the Secretary of the Interior or his designee at least once every 6 months. Such meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held at such times and in such places as to encourage public participation. The Commission shall provide the public with adequate notice of such meetings.

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information.

(c) **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**—The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to establish its procedures and to govern the manner of its operation.

(d) **ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—Upon request of the chairperson of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency or instrumentality shall, to the extent possible and subject to the discretion of such head make any of the facilities and services of such agency or instrumentality available to the Commission.

(e) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other Federal agencies.

SEC. 4. REPORTS.

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The Commission each year shall transmit to the Secretary of the Interior and to each House of the Congress a report containing a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions as it considers appropriate.

SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.

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The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved October 31, 1988.

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