



Public Law 88-606
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An Act

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For the establishment of a Public Land Law Review Commission to study existing laws and procedures relating to the administration of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

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

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress that the public lands of the United States shall be (a) retained and managed or (b) disposed of, all in a manner to provide the maximum benefit for the general public.

Public Land
Law Review
Commission.
Establishment.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

SEC. 2. Because the public land laws of the United States have developed over a long period of years through a series of Acts of Congress which are not fully correlated with each other and because those laws, or some of them, may be inadequate to meet the current and future needs of the American people and because administration of the public lands and the laws relating thereto has been divided among several agencies of the Federal Government, it is necessary to have a comprehensive review of those laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and to determine whether and to what extent revisions thereof are necessary.

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW

SEC. 3. (a) For the purpose of carrying out the policy and purpose set forth in sections 1 and 2 of this Act, there is hereby established a commission to be known as the Public Land Law Review Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission."

Composition.

(b) The Commission shall be composed of nineteen members, as follows:

(i) Three majority and three minority members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) Three majority and three minority members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(iii) Six persons to be appointed by the President of the United States from among persons who at the time appointment is to be made hereunder are not, and within a period of one year immediately preceding that time have not been, officers or employees of the United States; but, the foregoing or any other provision of law notwithstanding, there may be appointed, under this paragraph, any person who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed by any instrumentality of the executive branch of the Government or by any independent agency of the United States to perform, with or without compensation, temporary duties on either a full-time or intermittent basis for not to exceed one hundred and thirty days during any period of three hundred and sixty-five consecutive days; and

(iv) One person, elected by majority vote of the other eighteen, who shall be the Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman.