

Public Law 88-363

AN ACT

July 7, 1964
[H. R. 9740]

To establish the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Roosevelt Campobello International Park Act".

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act:

(a) The term "Commission" means the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission.

(b) The term "United States members" means members of the Commission appointed by the President. The term "Canadian members" means members of the Commission appointed by the appropriate authorities in Canada.

SEC. 3. There shall be established, in accordance with the agreement between the Governments of the United States and Canada signed January 22, 1964, a joint United States-Canadian Commission, to be called the "Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission," which shall have as its functions—

(a) to accept title from the Hammer family to the former Roosevelt estate comprising the Roosevelt home and other grounds on Campobello Island;

(b) to take the necessary measures to restore the Roosevelt home as closely as possible to its condition when it was occupied by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt;

(c) to administer as a memorial the Roosevelt Campobello International Park comprising the Roosevelt estate and such other lands as may be acquired.

SEC. 4. The Commission shall have juridical personality and all powers and capacity necessary or appropriate for the purpose of performing its functions pursuant to the agreement between the Governments of the United States and Canada signed January 22, 1964, which shall include but not be limited to the power and capacity—

(a) to acquire property, both real and personal, or interests therein, by gift, including conditional gifts whether conditioned on the expenditure of funds to be met therefrom or not, by purchase, by lease or otherwise, and to hold or dispose of the same under such terms and conditions as it sees fit, excepting the power to dispose of the Roosevelt home and the tract of land on which it is located;

(b) to enter into contracts;

(c) to sue or be sued, complain and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any United States district court. In such suits, the Attorney General shall supervise and control the litigation;

(d) to appoint its own employees, including an executive secretary who shall act as secretary at meetings of the Commission, and to fix the terms and conditions of their employment and compensation;

(e) to delegate to the executive secretary or other officials and to authorize the redelegation of such authority respecting the employment and direction of its employees and the other responsibilities of the Commission as it deems desirable and appropriate;

(f) to adopt such rules of procedure as it deems desirable to enable it to perform the functions set forth in this agreement;

(g) to charge admission fees for entrance to the park should the Commission consider such fees desirable; however, such fees

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shall be set at a level which will make the facilities readily available to visitors; any revenues derived from admission fees or concession operations of the Commission shall be transmitted in equal shares to the two Governments within sixty days of the end of the Commission's fiscal year, the United States share to be turned over to the appropriate Federal agency for deposit into the United States Treasury in accordance with the laws governing entrance fees received by the National Park Service;

Seal.

(h) to grant concessions, if deemed desirable;

(i) to adopt and use a seal;

(j) to obtain without reimbursement, for use either in the United States or in Canada, legal, engineering, architectural, accounting, financial, maintenance, and other services, whether by assignment, detail, or otherwise, from competent agencies in the United States or in Canada, by arrangements with such agencies.

Commission membership.

SEC. 5. (a) The Commission shall consist of six members, of whom three shall be the United States members and three shall be the Canadian members. The United States members shall be three persons appointed by the President, of whom one shall be selected from nominations which may be made by the Governor of the State of Maine. Alternates to United States members shall be appointed in the same manner as the members themselves. The United States members and their alternates shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. A vacancy among the United States members of the Commission or their alternates shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. An alternate shall, in the absence of the member of the Commission for whom he is alternate, attend meetings of the Commission and act and vote in the place and instead of that member of the Commission.

Chairman and Vice Chairman.

(b) The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years. The post of Chairman shall be filled for alternate terms by a Canadian and by a United States member. The post of Vice Chairman shall be filled by a Canadian member if the post of Chairman is held by a United States member, and by a United States member if the post of Chairman is held by a Canadian member. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman within the two-year term, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by special election in accordance with the foregoing requirements. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

Quorum.

(c) Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but the affirmative votes of at least two United States members, or their alternates, and at least two Canadian members, or their alternates, shall be required for any decision to be made by the Commission.

Compensation.

SEC. 6. No compensation will be attached to the position of United States members of the Commission. United States members or their alternates shall be reimbursed by the Commission for travel expenses in accordance with section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended, and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

60 Stat. 808.
5 USC 73b-2.

SEC. 7. The Commission may employ both United States and Canadian citizens.

SEC. 8. The Commission shall hold at least one meeting every calendar year and shall submit an annual report to the United States and Canadian Governments on or before March 31 of each year, including a general statement of the operation for the previous year and the results of an independent audit of the financial operations of the Commission. The Commission shall permit inspection of its records by the accounting agencies of both the United States and Canadian Governments.

Meetings and reports.

SEC. 9. The Commission shall maintain insurance in reasonable amounts, including, but not limited to, liability and property insurance. Such insurance may not cover the Commissioners or employees of the Commission except when sued by name for acts done in the scope of their employment.

Insurance.

SEC. 10. In an action against the Commission instituted in a district court of the United States, service of the summons and of the complaint upon the Commission shall be made by delivering a copy thereof to the United States attorney for the district in which the action is brought, or to an assistant United States attorney, or to a clerical employee designated by the United States attorney to accept service in a writing filed with the clerk of the court, and by sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint to the Commission by registered or certified mail.

Court action.

SEC. 11. (a) The United States Government shall not be liable for any act or omission of the Commission or of any person employed by, or assigned or detailed to, the Commission.

Liability of United States.

(b) Any liability of the Commission shall be met from funds of the Commission to the extent that it is not covered by insurance, or otherwise. Property belonging to the Commission shall be exempt from attachment, execution, or other process for satisfaction of claims, debts, or judgments.

(c) No liability of the Commission shall be imputed to any member of the Commission solely on the basis that he occupies the position of member of the Commission.

SEC. 12. The Commission shall not be subject to Federal, State, or municipal taxation in the United States on any real or personal property held by it or on any gift, bequest, or devise to it of any personal or real property, or on its income, whether from governmental appropriations, admission fees, concessions, or donations.

Taxation, exemption.

SEC. 13. For the purpose of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, any gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the Commission, and accepted by the Commission under authority of this Act, shall be deemed to be a gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the United States, as the case may be, if it is not deducted as a gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the Government of Canada under the income, estate, or gift tax laws of the Government of Canada.

SEC. 14. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior without fiscal year limitation such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act and the agreement with the Government of Canada signed January 22, 1964, article 11 of which provides that the Governments of the United States and Canada shall share equally the costs of developing and the annual cost of operating and maintaining the Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

Appropriation.

Approved July 7, 1964.