

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state reserves; creating s.  
3           258.166, F.S.; establishing the North Florida  
4           State Reserve; directing the Division of  
5           Recreation and Parks of the Department of  
6           Environmental Protection to develop  
7           multipurpose recreational opportunities and  
8           provide supervision of the area; allowing  
9           public hunting; authorizing the Division of  
10          State Lands to acquire adjacent or contiguous  
11          property; requiring the Division of State Lands  
12          to notify persons with easements in the area;  
13          requiring a report; authorizing and directing  
14          the construction of certain facilities, subject  
15          to appropriations; providing limitations on  
16          certain funds; clarifying that certain existing  
17          law relating to state lands is not abrogated;  
18          providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22           Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is  
23           created to read:24           258.166 North Florida State Reserve designated.--There  
25           is designated and established a state reserve to be known as  
26           North Florida State Reserve, in Marion and Putnam counties,  
27           which shall include all state-owned lands within the  
28           floodplain of the Oklawaha River and those hereafter acquired  
29           by the state from Eureka Dam in Marion County to Buckman Lock  
30           in Putnam County. Those lands are deemed and held to be a  
31           state reserve, under the supervision of the Division of

1 Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental  
2 Protection. The division is charged with the duty of providing  
3 for the development of multipurpose recreational opportunities  
4 at this reserve and the care, upkeep, maintenance, and  
5 beautification of the North Florida State Reserve including  
6 all those dams, locks, and other structures transferred by the  
7 federal government to the state.

8 (1) Public hunting is allowed in the state reserve as  
9 authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

10 (2) The Division of State Lands of the Department of  
11 Environmental Protection may acquire in the name of the Board  
12 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund any  
13 additional property adjacent or contiguous to the North  
14 Florida State Reserve, from private owners or from the United  
15 States Government for improved management and recreational  
16 opportunities.

17 (3) The Division of State Lands shall identify,  
18 contact, and inform all property owners who entered into  
19 easements located within the taking line of the Rodman  
20 Reservoir of the designation of this area as a state reserve.

21 (4) By January 1, 2002, the Division of State Lands  
22 shall submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,  
23 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives which:

25 (a) Identifies the entities that have an easement  
26 within the taking line of the reservoir.

27 (b) Indicates whether the holder of the easement is  
28 willing to sell the easement.

29 (c) Estimates the cost of acquiring the easements.

30 (d) Identifies any additional issues resulting from  
31 this designation.

1           Section 2. Subject to appropriations, the Department  
2 of Environmental Protection is authorized and directed to  
3 construct restroom facilities, a paved parking lot, small  
4 spectator bleachers, boat ramps, and a covered pavilion by  
5 that part of the Oklawaha River Basin which is located on the  
6 eastern shore of Lake Oklawaha, between the barge canal  
7 channel and the George Kirkpatrick Dam, on the southwest  
8 quarter of Section 37, Township 11 South, Range 25. Funds  
9 provided in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year  
10 2001-2002 shall be used for construction as directed in this  
11 section regardless of whether the George Kirkpatrick Dam  
12 remains in place, and moneys so appropriated may be used only  
13 for the purposes expressed in this section. Furthermore, funds  
14 made available in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal  
15 year 2001-2002 for nutrient management and studies at the  
16 Oklawaha River Basin may be expended only for such purposes if  
17 funds made available in the General Appropriations Act for  
18 fiscal year 2001-2002 for the construction activities  
19 authorized in this section are also expended. If all permits  
20 for the capital improvements authorized by this part are  
21 sought with deliberate speed and without design to delay  
22 obtaining the permits, no more than 50 percent of the funds  
23 for the nutrient management or studies authorized in this part  
24 shall be expended until all permits related to the capital  
25 improvement projects in this act are obtained by the  
26 department.

27           Section 3. Neither Line Item 1808 of the 2001-2002  
28 General Appropriations Act or any other provision of that act  
29 nor the nutrient management or studies provided for in this  
30 act authorizes any expenditure or action that would result in  
31 the breaching of the George Kirkpatrick Dam in any manner.

1 Furthermore, any drawdowns necessary to effectuate the  
2 nutrient management or studies must be minimized to the  
3 greatest extent possible and follow prescribed procedures for  
4 weed and water quality control, and the level of the reservoir  
5 as it existed prior to any drawdowns must be restored as  
6 expeditiously as possible.

7           Section 4. Nothing in this act abrogates the  
8 provisions in section 253.7829(6), Florida Statutes.

9           Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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