

By Representative Pickens

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state reserves; creating s.  
3           258.166, F.S.; establishing the Rodman  
4           Reservoir State Reserve; directing the Division  
5           of 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; providing an effective  
14          date.

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

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18           Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is  
19          created to read:

20           258.166 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve  
21          designated.--There is designated and established a state  
22          reserve to be known as Rodman Reservoir State Reserve, in  
23          Marion and Putnam Counties, which shall include all  
24          state-owned lands within the floodplain of the Oklawaha River  
25          and those hereafter acquired by the state from Eureka Dam in  
26          Marion County to Buckman Lock in Putnam County. Those lands  
27          are deemed and held to be a state reserve, under the  
28          supervision of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the  
29          Department of Environmental Protection. The division is  
30          charged with the duty of providing for the development of  
31          multipurpose recreational opportunities at this reserve and

1 the care, upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the  
2 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve including all those dams,  
3 locks, and other structures transferred by the Federal  
4 Government to the state. Any action that would substantially  
5 alter the reserve as it existed on January 1, 2002, must be  
6 approved by law.

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

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

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

20 (4) By January 1, 2003, the Division of State Lands  
21 shall submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,  
22 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives which:

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

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

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

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

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