

By Senator Lynn

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the James E. "Jim" King, Jr., State
3 Reserve; designating certain lands located in Marion
4 and Putnam Counties as the James E. "Jim" King, Jr.,
5 State Reserve; requiring that the Office of Greenways
6 and Trails within the Department of Environmental
7 Protection develop multipurpose recreational
8 opportunities and provide for the care, maintenance,
9 and beautification of the state reserve; prohibiting
10 substantial alterations to the state reserve;
11 providing for public hunting in the state reserve;
12 authorizing the Division of State Lands within the
13 department to acquire adjacent or contiguous property
14 to the state reserve; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. James E. "Jim" King, Jr., State Reserve;
19 designation.-

20 (1) The lands located in Marion and Putnam Counties,
21 including all state-owned lands located within the floodplain of
22 the Oklawaha River, and any lands acquired by the state from the
23 Eureka Dam in Marion County to the Buckman Lock in Putnam County
24 are designated and established as a state reserve, which shall
25 be known as the James E. "Jim" King, Jr., State Reserve. The
26 Office of Greenways and Trails within the Department of
27 Environmental Protection shall oversee the state reserve;
28 develop multipurpose recreational opportunities; and provide for
29 the care, maintenance, and beautification of the state reserve,

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30 including all the dams, locks, and other structures transferred
31 to the state by the Federal Government. The lands located within
32 the state reserve as they existed on January 1, 2010, may not be
33 substantially altered unless otherwise provided by law. However,
34 this section does not preclude the office from performing the
35 necessary maintenance and improvements required for the
36 continued operation of the dams, locks, or other structures and
37 facilities located within the state reserve.

38 (2) Public hunting is permitted in the state reserve as
39 authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

40 (3) The Division of State Lands within the Department of
41 Environmental Protection may acquire, on behalf of the Board of
42 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, any additional
43 property adjacent or contiguous to the James E. "Jim" King, Jr.,
44 State Reserve from private owners or from the Federal Government
45 for improving management and recreational opportunities.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011.