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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, 2000, 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, 2002, 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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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Designates an area in the floodplain of the Oklawaha River in Marion and Putnam counties as the Rodman Reservoir State Reserve under the supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection. Allows public hunting in the reserve. Authorizes the acquisition of additional land and requires the notification of persons with easements in the reserve. Requires a report to the Governor and the Legislature.