

ALLOWING THE UNITED STATES TO ACQUIRE LAND
Act of May 11, 1911, P.L. 271, No. 173
AN ACT

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Empowering the United States of America to acquire land in the State of Pennsylvania for National Forest Reserves, by purchase or by condemnation proceedings; and granting to the United States of America all rights necessary for control and regulation of such reserves.

Compiler's Note: Section 302(h) of Act 18 of 1995, which created the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and renamed the Department of Environmental Resources as the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall exercise the powers and duties conferred upon the State Forestry Reservation Commission by Act 173 of 1911.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the United States of America is hereby empowered to acquire, by purchase or by making adequate compensation under condemnation proceedings, such lands in Pennsylvania as, in the opinion of the Federal Government, may be needed for the establishment of National Forest Reserves in this State, in accordance with an act of Congress, entitled "An act to enable any State to cooperate with any other State or States, or with the United States, for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams, and to appoint a commission for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of conserving the navigability of navigable rivers," approved the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eleven: Provided, That the approval of the State Forestry Reservation Commission and the Water Supply Commission shall be first had and obtained: Provided further, That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over such lands so far that civil process in all cases and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against any persons charged with the commission of any crime, without or within said jurisdiction, may be executed thereon in like manner as if this act had not been passed.

(1 amended Apr. 21, 1921, P.L.257, No.129)

Section 2. That the said United States of America is hereby empowered to pass such laws as it may deem necessary to the acquisition of land in Pennsylvania, as hereinbefore provided, and for incorporation of such land into said National Forest Reserves, as in the opinion of the Federal Government may be needed for this purpose.

Section 3. That the said United States of America is hereby empowered to pass such laws, and to make or provide for the making of such rules, of both a civil and criminal nature, and provide punishment for the violation thereof, as in its judgment may be necessary for the management, control, and protection of such lands acquired from time to time by the United States of

America under the provisions of this act: Provided, however, That the authority hereby given shall be subject to all the conditions and stipulations and reservations contained in this act.

Section 4. That this act shall not confer power to condemn land now held or hereafter to be acquired by Pennsylvania as and for a State Forest Reserve.

Section 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal or invalidate or in any way affect the provisions of an act of Assembly, approved the twenty-second day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five, entitled "An act to preserve the purity of the waters of the State, for the protection of the public health," or the provisions of an act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five, entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its powers and duties," or the provisions of an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and nine, entitled "An act to safeguard human life and health throughout the Commonwealth by providing regulations for the control of certain communicable diseases and the prevention of infection therefrom, and prescribing penalties for the violation of said regulations."