

Public Law 96-432  
96th Congress

An Act

To amend the Act of July 31, 1946, as amended, relating to the United States Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes.

Oct. 10, 1980

[H.R. 6331]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of July 31, 1946, as amended (40 U.S.C. 193a), is amended to include within the definition of the United States Capitol Grounds the following additional areas and portions of streets which are situated as follows:

U.S. Capitol grounds.  
Boundaries.  
D.C. Code 9-118.  
40 USC 193a  
note.

(1) that portion of D Street Northeast from the east curb of Second Street Northeast to the east curb of First Street Northeast;

(2) that portion of Second Street Northeast and Southeast from the south curb of F Street Northeast to the south curb of C Street Southeast;

(3) that portion of Constitution Avenue Northeast from the east curb of Second Street Northeast to the east curb of First Street Northeast;

(4) that portion of Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest from the west curb of First Street Northwest to the east curb of Third Street Northwest;

(5) that portion of Maryland Avenue Southwest from the west curb of First Street Southwest to the east curb of Third Street Southwest;

(6) that portion of Constitution Avenue Northwest from the east curb of Second Street Northwest to the east curb of Third Street Northwest;

(7) that portion of Independence Avenue Southwest from the west curb of First Street Southwest to the east curb of Third Street Southwest;

(8) that portion of Maryland Avenue Northeast from the east curb of Second Street Northeast to the east curb of First Street Northeast;

(9) that portion of East Capitol Street from the east curb of Second Street Southeast to the east curb of First Street Southeast;

(10) that portion of Independence Avenue Southeast from the east curb of Second Street Southeast to the east curb of First Street Southeast;

(11) that portion of C Street Southeast from the east curb of Second Street Southeast to the east curb of First Street Southeast;

(12) that portion of North Capitol Street from the south curb of Massachusetts Avenue to the north curb of Louisiana Avenue;

(13) that portion of New Jersey Avenue Northwest from the north curb of D Street Northwest to the north curb of Louisiana Avenue;

(14) that portion of Second Street Southwest from the north curb of D Street to the south curb of Virginia Avenue Southwest;

(15) that portion of Virginia Avenue Southwest from the east curb of Second Street Southwest to the west curb of Third Street Southwest;

(16) that portion of Third Street Southwest from the south curb of Virginia Avenue Southwest to the north curb of D Street Southwest;

(17) that portion of D Street Southwest from the west curb of Third Street Southwest to the east curb of Second Street Southwest;

(18) that portion of Canal Street Southwest, including sidewalks and traffic islands, from the south curb of Independence Avenue Southwest to the west curb of South Capitol Street; and

(19) all that area contiguous to, and surrounding, square numbered 724 from the property line thereof to the contiguous curb;

(20) those areas contiguous to, and surrounding, the areas comprising the grounds of the United States Botanic Garden from the property line of such grounds to the contiguous curb;

(21) all that area contiguous to, and surrounding, the structures comprising the United States Capitol Power Plant, from the building lines of such structures to the contiguous curbs; and

(22) all that area contiguous to, and surrounding, square numbered 581 from the property line thereof to the contiguous curb.

D.C. Code 9-118.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of the Act of July 31, 1946, as amended (40 U.S.C. 193a), is amended (1) by deleting "First Street N.E. to Second Street N.W." and inserting in lieu thereof "Second Street Northeast to Third Street Northwest"; and (2) by inserting immediately before the colon preceding the proviso, a comma and the following: "Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest from First Street Northwest to Third Street Northwest, Maryland Avenue Southwest from First Street Southwest to Third Street Southwest, Second Street Northeast from F Street Northeast to C Street Southeast; C Street Southeast from Second Street Southeast to First Street Southeast; that portion of Maryland Avenue Northeast from Second Street Northeast to First Street Northeast; that portion of New Jersey Avenue Northwest from D Street Northwest to Louisiana Avenue; that portion of Second Street Southwest from the north curb of D Street to the south curb of Virginia Avenue Southwest; that portion of Virginia Avenue Southwest from the east curb of Second Street Southwest to the west curb of Third Street Southwest; that portion of Third Street Southwest from the south curb of Virginia Avenue Southwest to the north curb of D Street Southwest; that portion of D Street Southwest from the west curb of Third Street Southwest to the east curb of Second Street Southwest; that portion of Canal Street Southwest, including sidewalks and traffic islands, from the south curb of Independence Avenue Southwest to the west curb of South Capitol Street".

40 USC 193a  
note.

SEC. 3. On and after the effective date of this section, that portion of C Street Northeast from the west curb of Second Street Northeast to the east curb of First Street Northeast shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the Capitol Police Board and the Architect of the Capitol in the same manner and to the same extent as such Board or the Architect of the Capitol has over other streets comprising the United States Capitol Grounds, and the Architect of the Capitol shall be responsible for the maintenance and improvement thereof.

SEC. 4. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall take effect upon the expiration of the thirty-day period following the date of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.  
40 USC 193a note.

SEC. 5. The Capitol Police Board is authorized to detail police from the House Office, Senate Office, and Capitol Buildings for police duty on the Capitol Grounds and on the Library of Congress Grounds.

40 USC 212a-1.

SEC. 6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, with respect to those squares occupied by the United States Supreme Court and the Library of Congress, those streets or portions thereof referred to in the first section of this Act which surround such squares shall be considered a part of the Capitol Grounds only to the face of the curbs contiguous to such squares.

U.S. Supreme  
Court and  
Library of  
Congress,  
jurisdictional  
boundaries.  
40 USC 193a  
note.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as repealing, or otherwise altering, modifying, affecting, or superseding those provisions of law in effect on the date immediately preceding the date of the enactment of this Act vesting authority in the United States Supreme Court Police and the Library of Congress Police to make arrests in adjacent streets.

(c) In order to provide a fair and reasonable transition period in which to permit the orderly relocation of those duly licensed vendors operating, as of the effective date hereof, on those portions of Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, and Maryland Avenue Southwest, hereby included in the definition of United States Capitol Grounds pursuant to section 1 (4) and (5), so much of the prohibitions contained in section 4 of the law of July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 718), as would prevent the use of those portions of Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, and Maryland Avenue Southwest, for the offer and exposure of articles for sale, shall be suspended for a period not to exceed one year.

Vendors,  
relocation.  
Effective date.  
40 USC 193d  
note.

SEC. 7. (a) The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized to acquire, on behalf of the United States, by purchase, condemnation, transfer, or otherwise, for addition to the United States Capitol Grounds, all publicly or privately owned property contained in lot 49 in square 582; lot 70 in square 640; and lots 1, 2, 67, 79, 80, 800, 801, 807, 814 through 822, and 834 in square 693 in the District of Columbia (including all alleys or parts of alleys and streets within the lotlines and curblines surrounding such real property): *Provided*, That upon the acquisition of any such real property by the Architect of the Capitol on behalf of the United States, such property shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 718), as amended in the same manner and to the same extent as all other areas comprising the United States Capitol Grounds.

40 USC 193d.  
D.C. Code 9-121.

Architect of the  
Capitol,  
additional  
property  
acquisition.  
40 USC 193a  
note.

(b) For the purposes of this section the properties authorized to be acquired hereunder, shall be deemed to extend to the outer face of the curbs of the squares in which they are located.

40 USC  
193a-193m,  
212a, 212b.  
D.C. Code 9-118  
to 9-131.

(c) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, the sum of \$11,500,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, said appropriation to remain available until expended.

Appropriation  
authorization.

SEC. 8. The acquisition of real property under this Act shall be conducted in accordance with the Act entitled "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970", Public Law 91-646, approved January 2, 1971, and any proceeding for condemnation brought in its course shall be conducted in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the acquisition of land in the District of Columbia for the use of the United States", approved March 1, 1929 (16 D.C. Code, secs. 1351-1368).

Real property,  
acquisition.  
40 USC 193a  
note.  
42 USC  
4601 note.

SEC. 9. The Architect of the Capitol is authorized to enter into contracts and to make expenditures for grading and paving and such

Grading, paving,  
and other  
expenditures.  
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other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 7 of this Act.

SEC. 10. Any contract entered into pursuant to this Act or pursuant to any amendment made by this Act shall be effective only to such extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

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