

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 H.P. 199

House of Representatives, January 21, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 21, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to  
Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

Cosponsor: Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Create the Longfellow  
18 Wilderness Preserve.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. Creation of Longfellow Wilderness Pre-  
23 serve. There is created the Longfellow Wilderness  
24 Preserve, consisting of unique natural areas among  
25 the Longfellow Mountains, such as rocky barrens,  
26 alpine tundra, scrublands and forests which have  
27 never been logged and which require protection and  
28 proper management for educational, scientific and  
29 recreational uses.

30 Sec. 2. Recommendations. The State Planning  
31 Office shall submit to the First Regular Session of  
32 the 112th Legislature an inventory of areas higher  
33 than an elevation of 2,500 feet above sea level  
34 within the Longfellow Mountains, excluding areas

1 within Baxter State Park, which have the characteris-  
2 tics set out in section 1. The Joint Standing Com-  
3 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources shall review  
4 this inventory and make recommendations to the State  
5 Planning Office as to which areas are recommended for  
6 inclusion in the preserve.

7       **Sec. 3. Acquisition of land.** The Bureau of  
8 Public Lands shall enter into negotiations with the  
9 owners of any land recommended for inclusion in the  
10 preserve under section 2, and shall report to the  
11 First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature on  
12 these negotiations. The report shall include any  
13 legislation necessary for the acquisition of the  
14 recommended areas.

15       **Sec. 4. Management of preserve.** Lands included  
16 in the Longfellow Wilderness Preserve shall remain  
17 forever wild and shall be managed by the Department  
18 of Conservation. These lands shall serve as wildlife  
19 sanctuaries where no logging or motorized vehicles  
20 shall be permitted.

21                                       STATEMENT OF FACT

22       The purpose of this bill is to create the  
23 Longfellow Wildlife Preserve which will include  
24 unique natural areas of the Longfellow Mountains.

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