

Public Law 101-321
101st Congress

An Act

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery for study for potential addition to the national trails system.

July 3, 1990
[H.R. 3834]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Selma to Montgomery National Trail Study Act of 1989”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that:

(1) The march from Selma to Montgomery led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which achieved the legal right to vote for all Americans.

(2) Events associated with the march from Selma to Montgomery and from what came to be known as “Bloody Sunday” sent shock waves around the world, raised the Nation’s consciousness and convinced political leaders that the time had come for voting rights legislation.

(3) The designation of the route of the march from Selma to Montgomery as a national historic trail will serve as a reminder of the right and responsibility of all Americans to fully participate in the election processes. It will serve as a reminder that we must be ever vigilant in securing our right to vote. It will also give long overdue recognition to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for, and dedicated their lives to, voting rights for all Americans.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TRAIL FOR STUDY.

Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (82 Stat. 919; 16 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

“(33) The route from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama traveled by people in a march dramatizing the need for voting rights legislation, in March 1965, includes Sylvan South Street, Water

Selma to
Montgomery
National Trail
Study Act of
1989.
Alabama.
National parks,
monuments, etc.
Historic
preservation.
16 USC 1241
note.

Avenue, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and Highway 80. The study under this paragraph shall be prepared in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, except that it shall be completed and submitted to the Congress with recommendations as to the trail's suitability for designation not later than 1 year after the enactment of this paragraph."

Approved July 3, 1990.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3834:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 101-425 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 101-313 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 136 (1990):

Mar. 20, considered and passed House.

June 14, considered and passed Senate.