Public Law 106-444
106th Congress

An Act

To amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedmen's Bureau.

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 "Freedmen's Bureau Records Preservation Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF FREEDMEN'S BUREAU RECORDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 2910. Preservation of Freedmen's Bureau records

"The Archivist shall preserve the records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, commonly referred to as the 'Freedmen's Bureau', by using—

"(1) microfilm technology for preservation of the documents comprising these records so that they can be maintained for future generations; and

"(2) the results of the pilot project with the University of Florida to create future partnerships with Howard University and other institutions for the purposes of indexing these records and making them more easily accessible to the public, including historians, genealogists, and students, and for any other purposes determined by the Archivist."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 29 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"2910. Preservation of Freedmen's Bureau records."
SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 2910 of title 44, United States Code (as added by section 2), a total of $3,000,000 for fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

Approved November 6, 2000.