

# The Missouri Compromise

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The Missouri Compromise was created by Henry Clay. It was passed as a law in 1820.



Because of where the missouri territory lied, it would have been considered a slave state. In order for the balance to be kept between the slave and free states another free stated would have to become a state.



Because of the need for another free state, massachusetts was essentially forced to give up their territory, now known as Maine, in 1820.



