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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and  
Economic Development (Book) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 267.0618, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

267.0618 The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.—

(1) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, a  
commission as defined in s. 20.03(10) is created adjunct to the



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10 Department of State for the express purpose of ensuring a  
11 suitable statewide observance of the centennial of women's  
12 suffrage in 2020. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
13 the commission shall operate in a manner consistent with s.  
14 20.052.

15 (2) The commission is composed of the following members:

16 (a) The chair of the commission, appointed by the Governor.

17 (b) The Secretary of State, or his or her designee.

18 (c) The director of the Division of Historical Resources of  
19 the Department of State.

20 (d) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President  
21 of the Senate.

22 (e) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed  
23 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 (f) A women's history scholar from a postsecondary  
25 educational institution in this state, appointed by the  
26 Governor.

27 (g) A member of the Florida Historical Commission,  
28 appointed by the Governor.

29 (h) Two members of the Florida Commission on the Status of  
30 Women, appointed by the Governor.

31 (i) A member of the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, appointed  
32 by the Governor.

33 (j) A representative of the League of Women Voters of  
34 Florida, appointed by the Governor.

35 (k) A historian, appointed by the Governor.

36 (l) Two citizen members, appointed by the Governor.

37 (3) Appointed members of the commission shall serve at the  
38 pleasure of the appointing authority and any vacancies shall be



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39 filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The  
40 commission may meet as often as it deems necessary to fulfill  
41 the duties prescribed in this section.

42 (4) In ensuring a suitable statewide observance of the  
43 centennial of the passage and ratification of the Nineteenth  
44 Amendment to the United States Constitution, the commission has  
45 the following duties:

46 (a) Advise on the development of programs and activities  
47 appropriate to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage,  
48 and encourage the development of such programs and activities to  
49 ensure that the commemoration results in a positive legacy and  
50 has long-term benefits.

51 (b) Facilitate the observance of women's suffrage-related  
52 activities throughout the state.

53 (c) Encourage civic, historical, educational, economic, and  
54 other organizations throughout the state to organize and  
55 participate in activities to expand the understanding and  
56 appreciation of women's suffrage while also recognizing the  
57 racial disparities that interfered with the exercise of the  
58 right to vote by women of color upon the enfranchisement of  
59 women.

60 (d) Coordinate and facilitate the public distribution of  
61 scholarly research, publication, and interpretation of women's  
62 suffrage.

63 (e) Coordinate with the Department of Education regarding  
64 the manner in which the centennial of women's suffrage will be  
65 commemorated in the state's public secondary schools.

66 (f) Assist the Department of State in developing a  
67 statewide public awareness campaign on the centennial of women's



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68 suffrage through such means as, but not limited to, public  
69 service announcements, outdoor advertising, and a website.

70 (g) Encourage local organizations and nonprofit  
71 organizations to further the commemoration of the centennial of  
72 women's suffrage.

73 (5) The commission may establish a youth working group to  
74 advise and provide recommendations to the commission in  
75 fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. Members of the youth  
76 working group shall serve on a volunteer basis and must be  
77 residents of this state between 15 and 30 years of age who  
78 identify as women and demonstrate an interest in history. The  
79 chair of the commission shall appoint members of the working  
80 group upon review of applications.

81 (6) The Division of Historical Resources of the Department  
82 of State shall provide administrative and staff support for the  
83 commission.

84 (7) This section expires December 31, 2020.

85 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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87 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

88 And the title is amended as follows:

89 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
90 and insert:

91 A bill to be entitled  
92 An act relating to the Women's Suffrage Centennial  
93 Commission; creating the commission adjunct to the  
94 Department of State; providing for the purpose of the  
95 commission; specifying the composition of the  
96 commission and requirements of commission members;



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97       prescribing duties of the commission in order to  
98       ensure a suitable statewide observance of the  
99       centennial of women's suffrage; providing for the  
100       establishment of a youth working group; requiring the  
101       Division of Historical Resources of the department to  
102       provide administrative and staff support; providing  
103       for expiration of the act; providing an effective  
104       date.