

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senators Book and Pizzo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Women's Suffrage Centennial
3 Commission; creating s. 267.0618, F.S.; creating the
4 commission adjunct to the Department of State;
5 providing for the purpose of the commission;
6 specifying the composition of the commission and
7 requirements of commission members; prescribing duties
8 of the commission in order to ensure a suitable
9 statewide observance of the centennial of women's
10 suffrage; authorizing establishment of a youth working
11 group; requiring the Division of Historical Resources
12 of the department to provide administrative and staff
13 support; providing for expiration; providing an
14 effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

20 267.0618 The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.-

21 (1) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, a
22 commission as defined in s. 20.03(10), is created adjunct to the
23 Department of State for the express purpose of ensuring a
24 suitable statewide observance of the centennial of women's
25 suffrage in 2020. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
26 the commission shall operate in a manner consistent with s.
27 20.052.

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

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

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

31 (c) The director of the Division of Historical Resources of
32 the Department of State.

33 (d) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President
34 of the Senate.

35 (e) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
36 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

37 (f) A women's history scholar from a postsecondary
38 educational institution in this state, appointed by the
39 Governor.

40 (g) A member of the Florida Historical Commission,
41 appointed by the Governor.

42 (h) Four members of the Florida Commission on the Status of
43 Women, appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

49 (l) A representative of the National Council of Negro
50 Women, appointed by the Governor.

51 (m) Two citizen members, appointed by the Governor.

52 (3) Appointed members of the commission shall serve at the
53 pleasure of the appointing authority and any vacancies shall be
54 filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The
55 commission may meet as often as it deems necessary to fulfill
56 the duties prescribed in this section.

57 (4) In ensuring a suitable statewide observance of the
58 centennial of the passage and ratification of the Nineteenth

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59 Amendment to the United States Constitution, the commission has
60 the following duties:

61 (a) Advise on the development of programs and activities
62 appropriate to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage,
63 and encourage the development of such programs and activities to
64 ensure that the commemoration results in a positive legacy and
65 has long-term benefits.

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

68 (c) Encourage civic, historical, educational, economic, and
69 other organizations throughout the state to organize and
70 participate in activities to expand the understanding and
71 appreciation of women's suffrage while also recognizing the
72 racial disparities that interfered with the exercise of the
73 right to vote by women of color upon the enfranchisement of
74 women.

75 (d) Coordinate and facilitate the public distribution of
76 scholarly research, publication, and interpretation of women's
77 suffrage.

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

81 (f) Assist the Department of State in developing a
82 statewide public awareness campaign on the centennial of women's
83 suffrage through such means as, but not limited to, public
84 service announcements, outdoor advertising, and a website.

85 (g) Encourage local organizations and nonprofit
86 organizations to further the commemoration of the centennial of
87 women's suffrage.

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88 (5) The commission may establish a youth working group to
89 advise and provide recommendations to the commission in
90 fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. Members of the youth
91 working group shall serve on a volunteer basis and must be
92 residents of this state between 15 and 30 years of age who
93 identify as women and demonstrate an interest in history. The
94 chair of the commission shall appoint members of the working
95 group upon review of applications.

96 (6) The Division of Historical Resources of the Department
97 of State shall provide administrative and staff support for the
98 commission.

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

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