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S. B. No. 318

Senators Kunze, Williams

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Schuring, Schaffer, Blessing

A BILL

To amend Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd General 1
Assembly to extend the Women's Suffrage 2
Centennial Commission until December 31, 2021. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd General 4
Assembly be amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 1. (A) There is the Women's Suffrage Centennial 6
Commission, which shall consist of the following members: 7

(1) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee, 8
who shall serve as the chairperson of the Commission; 9

(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President 10
of the Senate, who shall not be members of the same political 11
party; 12

(3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed 13
by the Speaker of the House, who shall not be members of the 14
same political party; 15

(4) One member of the Ohio Republican Party appointed by 16

the chairperson of the Ohio Republican Party; 17

(5) One member of the Ohio Democratic Party appointed by 18
the chairperson of the Ohio Democratic Party; 19

(6) Any additional members appointed by the Secretary of 20
State in order to assist the Commission in fulfilling its 21
duties. 22

(B) (1) Terms of office of each member of the Commission 23
shall end on December 31, ~~2020~~2021, except that a member of the 24
General Assembly appointed to the Commission shall be a member 25
of the Commission only so long as the member remains in office. 26
Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the manner 27
prescribed for making the original appointment to the 28
Commission. 29

(2) Members of the Commission shall serve without 30
compensation or reimbursement for expenses. 31

(3) The Secretary of State shall provide any necessary 32
equipment and facilities and assign any necessary professional, 33
technical, or clerical employees of the Secretary to assist the 34
Commission in fulfilling its duties. 35

(C) In recognition of the hundredth anniversaries of 36
Congress's proposal of the Nineteenth Amendment to the 37
Constitution of the United States, which guarantees women the 38
right to vote, on June 4, 1919; the Ohio General Assembly's 39
ratification of the Amendment on June 16, 1919; and the thirty- 40
sixth state ratification of the Amendment by the Tennessee 41
General Assembly on August 18, 1920, the Women's Suffrage 42
Centennial Commission shall plan and carry out events and 43
activities throughout Ohio during the years 2019 ~~and~~, 2020, and 44
2021. The events and activities shall honor the women's suffrage 45

movement and shall raise awareness of, and educate the public 46
about, the importance and historical significance of the 47
Nineteenth Amendment. The Commission may enter into contracts 48
and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the 49
performance of the Commission's duties under this section. 50

(D) There is in the state treasury the Women's Suffrage 51
Centennial Commission Fund, which shall consist of any moneys 52
appropriated or donated to the Fund and any interest earned on 53
the moneys in the Fund. The Commission may solicit and accept 54
grants, gifts, or donations from any lawful source and shall 55
deposit all such grants, gifts, or donations in the state 56
treasury to the credit of the Fund. The Commission shall use the 57
moneys in the Fund for the purpose of carrying out the 58
Commission's duties under this section. 59

(E) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission shall cease 60
to exist on December 31, ~~2020~~2021. On that date, any 61
unencumbered, unobligated balance remaining in the Women's 62
Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund shall be deposited in the 63
General Revenue Fund. When no moneys remain in the Women's 64
Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund, it shall cease to exist. 65

Section 2. That existing Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd 66
General Assembly is hereby repealed. 67