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**A BILL**

To create the Women's Suffrage Centennial  
Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(5) One member of the Ohio Democratic Party appointed by	15
the chairperson of the Ohio Democratic Party;	16
(6) Any additional members appointed by the Secretary of	17
State in order to assist the Commission in fulfilling its	18
duties.	19
(B) (1) Terms of office of each member of the Commission	20
shall end on December 31, 2020, except that a member of the	21
General Assembly appointed to the Commission shall be a member	22
of the Commission only so long as the member remains in office.	23
Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the manner	24
prescribed for making the original appointment to the	25
Commission.	26
(2) Members of the Commission shall serve without	27
compensation or reimbursement for expenses.	28
(3) The Secretary of State shall provide any necessary	29
equipment and facilities and assign any necessary professional,	30
technical, or clerical employees of the Secretary to assist the	31
Commission in fulfilling its duties.	32
(C) In recognition of the hundredth anniversaries of	33
Congress's proposal of the Nineteenth Amendment to the	34
Constitution of the United States, which guarantees women the	35
right to vote, on June 4, 1919; the Ohio General Assembly's	36
ratification of the Amendment on June 16, 1919; and the thirty-	37
sixth state ratification of the Amendment by the Tennessee	38
General Assembly on August 18, 1920, the Women's Suffrage	39
Centennial Commission shall plan and carry out events and	40
activities throughout Ohio during the years 2019 and 2020. The	41
events and activities shall honor the women's suffrage movement	42
and shall raise awareness of, and educate the public about, the	43

importance and historical significance of the Nineteenth 44  
Amendment. The Commission may enter into contracts and execute 45  
all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of 46  
the Commission's duties under this section. 47

(D) There is in the state treasury the Women's Suffrage 48  
Centennial Commission Fund, which shall consist of any moneys 49  
appropriated or donated to the Fund and any interest earned on 50  
the moneys in the Fund. The Commission may solicit and accept 51  
grants, gifts, or donations from any lawful source and shall 52  
deposit all such grants, gifts, or donations in the state 53  
treasury to the credit of the Fund. The Commission shall use the 54  
moneys in the Fund for the purpose of carrying out the 55  
Commission's duties under this section. 56

(E) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission shall cease 57  
to exist on December 31, 2020. On that date, any unencumbered, 58  
unobligated balance remaining in the Women's Suffrage Centennial 59  
Commission Fund shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. 60  
When no moneys remain in the Women's Suffrage Centennial 61  
Commission Fund, it shall cease to exist. 62