

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5722

AN ACT

To establish the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “John F. Kennedy Cen-
3 tennial Commission Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

5 There is established a commission to be known as the
6 “John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission” (in this Act
7 referred to as the “Commission”).

8 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

9 The Commission shall—

10 (1) plan, develop, and carry out such activities
11 as the Commission considers fitting and proper to
12 honor John F. Kennedy on the occasion of the
13 100th anniversary of his birth;

14 (2) provide advice and assistance to Federal,
15 State, and local governmental agencies, as well as
16 civic groups to carry out activities to honor John F.
17 Kennedy on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of
18 his birth;

19 (3) develop activities that may be carried out by
20 the Federal Government that are fitting and proper
21 to honor John F. Kennedy on the occasion of the
22 100th anniversary of his birth; and

23 (4) submit to the President and Congress re-
24 ports pursuant to section 7.

1 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission
3 shall be composed of 11 members as follows:

4 (1) The Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) Four members appointed by the President
6 after considering the recommendations of the Board
7 of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Library Foun-
8 dation.

9 (3) Two Members of the House of Representa-
10 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 (4) One Member of the House of Representa-
13 tives appointed by the minority leader of the House
14 of Representatives.

15 (5) Two Members of the Senate appointed by
16 the majority leader of the Senate.

17 (6) One Member of the Senate appointed by the
18 minority leader of the Senate.

19 (b) **EX OFFICIO MEMBER.**—The Archivist of the
20 United States shall serve in an ex officio capacity on the
21 Commission to provide advice and information to the Com-
22 mission.

23 (c) **TERMS.**—Each member shall be appointed for the
24 life of the Commission.

1 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of
2 the Commission shall be appointed not later than 90 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission
5 shall—

6 (1) not affect the powers of the Commission;
7 and

8 (2) be filled in the manner in which the original
9 appointment was made.

10 (f) RATES OF PAY.—Members shall not receive com-
11 pensation for the performance of their duties on behalf
12 of the Commission.

13 (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Com-
14 mission shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem in lieu
15 of subsistence expenses during the performance of duties
16 of the Commission while away from home or his or her
17 regular place of business, in accordance with applicable
18 provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
19 United States Code.

20 (h) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
21 Commission shall constitute a quorum to conduct busi-
22 ness, but two or more members may hold hearings.

23 (i) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the Commis-
24 sion shall be elected by a majority vote of the members
25 of the Commission.

1 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

2 (a) **DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**—The Commission shall
3 appoint an executive director and such other additional
4 employees as are necessary to enable the Commission to
5 perform its duties.

6 (b) **APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE**
7 **LAWS.**—The executive director and employees of the Com-
8 mission may be appointed without regard to the provisions
9 of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
10 the competitive service, and may be paid without regard
11 to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
12 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and General
13 Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the
14 executive director and other employees may not exceed the
15 rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under
16 section 5316 of such title.

17 (c) **DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—Upon re-
18 quest of the Commission, the Secretary of the Interior or
19 the Archivist of the United States may detail, on a reim-
20 bursable basis, any of the employees of that department
21 or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out
22 its duties under this Act.

23 (d) **EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.**—The Commission
24 may procure such temporary and intermittent services as
25 are necessary to enable the Commission to perform its du-
26 ties.

1 (e) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—
2 Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States
3 Code, the Commission may accept and use voluntary and
4 uncompensated services as the Commission determines
5 necessary.

6 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

7 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for the pur-
8 pose of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act
9 at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence
10 as the Commission considers appropriate.

11 (b) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
12 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
13 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
14 States.

15 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
16 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
17 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
18 out its duties under this Act. Upon request of the chair-
19 person of the Commission, the head of that department
20 or agency shall furnish that information to the Commis-
21 sion.

22 (d) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DEVISES.—The Commission
23 may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or
24 devises of money, services, or property, both real and per-
25 sonal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating its work.

1 (e) AVAILABLE SPACE.—Upon the request of the
2 Commission, the Administrator of General Services shall
3 make available nationwide to the Commission, at a normal
4 rental rate for Federal agencies, such assistance and facili-
5 ties as may be necessary for the Commission to carry out
6 its duties under this Act.

7 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Commission may
8 enter into contracts with and compensate government and
9 private agencies or persons to enable the Commission to
10 discharge its duties under this Act.

11 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

12 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall sub-
13 mit to the President and the Congress annual reports on
14 the revenue and expenditures of the Commission, includ-
15 ing a list of each gift, bequest, or devise to the Commission
16 with a value of more than \$250, together with the identity
17 of the donor of each gift, bequest, or devise.

18 (b) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may sub-
19 mit to the President and Congress interim reports as the
20 Commission considers appropriate.

21 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than August 31,
22 2017, the Commission shall submit a final report to the
23 President and the Congress containing—

24 (1) a summary of the activities of the Commis-
25 sion;

1 (2) a final accounting of funds received and ex-
2 pended by the Commission; and

3 (3) the findings, conclusions, and final rec-
4 ommendations of the Commission.

5 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

6 The Commission may terminate on such date as the
7 Commission may determine after it submits its final re-
8 port pursuant to section 7(c), but not later than Sep-
9 tember 30, 2017.

10 **SEC. 9. ANNUAL AUDIT.**

11 The Inspector General of the Department of the Inte-
12 rior may perform an audit of the Commission, shall make
13 the results of any audit performed available to the public,
14 and shall transmit such results to the Committee on Over-
15 sight and Government Reform of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
17 ernmental Affairs of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL**
2 **FUNDS.**

3 No Federal funds may be obligated to carry out this
4 Act.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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