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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Discovery of Florida Quincentennial Commemoration Commission; establishing the commission; providing for a term of existence of the commission; providing for commission membership; providing for terms of members; providing for successor appointment; providing for commission meetings; specifying serving without compensation; providing for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the commission to adopt bylaws; requiring the commission to develop a master plan for certain purposes; requiring a timetable and budget for the plan; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; authorizing the commission to appoint subcommittees; providing compensation and expense limitations; authorizing the commission to employ an executive director and staff; requiring the Department of State to provide administrative support and consulting services; authorizing the commission to establish a not-for-profit corporation for certain purposes; requiring the corporation to apply for federal tax-exempt status; authorizing the corporation to receive moneys for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Discovery of Florida Quincentennial Commemoration Commission is established and shall terminate July 1, 2014. The commission shall consist of the Governor or the Governor's designee, all living former Governors of this state,

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30 the President of the Senate or the president's designee, two
 31 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate,
 32 the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the speaker's
 33 designee, two members of the House of Representatives appointed
 34 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of
 35 State or the secretary's designee, the chair of the Florida
 36 Historical Commission, the chair of the Florida Arts Council,
 37 the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
 38 Development, and a representative appointed by the Governor from
 39 each of the following counties of this state associated with
 40 Juan Ponce De Leon's 1513 voyage: Charlotte, Lee, Palm Beach,
 41 St. Johns, and Monroe. Any members of the Legislature serving on
 42 the commission shall be ex officio, nonvoting members.

43 (2) All appointed members' terms shall be coterminous with
 44 the terms of their appointing authorities and, if a position
 45 becomes vacant, a successor shall be appointed in the manner of
 46 the original appointment.

47 (3) The commission shall hold its initial meeting no later
 48 than January 2005, at which time, and every 3 years thereafter,
 49 a chair and vice chair shall be elected from its membership.
 50 Meetings of the commission shall be subject to the provisions of
 51 chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes.

52 (4) Members shall serve without compensation, except that
 53 members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses, pursuant
 54 to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, incurred in the performance of
 55 their duties.

56 (5) The commission shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of
 57 its business and shall have the power to amend and rescind these
 58 bylaws. The commission shall publish its bylaws in convenient

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59 form and shall file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment
60 thereto with the appropriate agency or officer.

61 (6) The commission shall develop and implement a statewide
62 master plan for commemorating the quincentennial of Juan Ponce
63 de Leon's discovery of Florida. The plan shall be developed to
64 encourage and support participation in the quincentennial by all
65 interested ethnic groups in geographical areas of the state.

66 (7) The master plan may include, but is not limited to,
67 the following projects and activities:

68 (a) State and local historic preservation programs and
69 activities.

70 (b) State and local archaeological programs and
71 activities.

72 (c) Publications, films, and other educational materials.

73 (d) Biographical, bibliographical, and documentary
74 projects that chronicle the life of Juan Ponce de Leon, his 1513
75 and 1521 voyages to Florida, the creation of the commission, and
76 the implementation of the master plan.

77 (e) Conferences, lectures, seminars, and other programs.

78 (f) Museum, library, cultural center, park improvements,
79 services, and exhibits, including, but not limited to, a
80 quincentennial commemorative painting and mobile exhibits.

81 (g) Programs that educate the public on Florida's extinct
82 Native American cultures.

83 (h) Public art that captures the spirit of exploration.

84 (i) Tourism attractions, license plate, logo, seal or
85 trademark design, and retail items.

86 (j) Ceremonies and commemorations.

87 (8) The commission's master plan shall devise a timetable

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88 and budget for completion for all parts of the master plan and
 89 shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
 90 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission
 91 shall submit an initial draft of the master plan to the
 92 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
 93 House of Representatives by January 2006. The master plan must
 94 be completed by January 2007.

95 (9) To perform its duties, the commission is authorized to
 96 appoint subcommittees which may include persons who are not
 97 members of the commission. Such persons shall not be entitled to
 98 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
 99 incurred in the performance of their duties.

100 (10) The commission may employ and fix the salaries and
 101 duties of an executive director and professional and
 102 administrative employees as may be necessary to carry out the
 103 duties of the commission as provided by law.

104 (11) The Department of State shall provide administrative
 105 support and consulting services to the commission for the
 106 commission's activities.

107 (12)(a) The commission may establish a not-for-profit
 108 corporation to raise funds and to assist in the implementation
 109 of the master plan relating to the quincentennial commemoration
 110 of the discovery of this state. The corporation shall be
 111 governed by a board of directors. The board of directors of the
 112 corporation may select a name for the corporation. The board
 113 shall choose its own chair.

114 (b) After proper incorporation, the corporation is
 115 authorized and directed to apply for tax-exempt status under s.
 116 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 26

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117 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3).

118 (c) The corporation may receive funds from the general
119 public or other public or private sources for purposes of
120 funding its activities and implementing the provisions of this
121 act. In addition to funds received from the general public or
122 other public and private sources, the not-for-profit corporation
123 may receive funds from state agencies at such times and in such
124 amounts as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the
125 quincentennial or made available to the corporation from state
126 agencies from the corporation's sources of revenue.

127 (d) Costs to underwrite activities related to the
128 commemoration of the quincentennial may be borne from revenues
129 by the not-for-profit corporation.

130 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.