

By Senator Carlton

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to the Discovery of Florida

3           Quincentennial Commemoration Commission;

4           establishing the commission; providing for a

5           term of existence of the commission; providing

6           for commission membership; providing for terms

7           of members; providing for successor

8           appointment; providing for commission meetings;

9           specifying service without compensation;

10          providing for per diem and travel expenses;

11          requiring the commission to adopt bylaws;

12          requiring the commission to develop a master

13          plan for certain purposes; requiring a

14          timetable and budget for the plan; requiring a

15          report to the Governor and Legislature;

16          authorizing the commission to appoint

17          subcommittees; providing compensation and

18          expense limitations; authorizing the commission

19          to employ an executive director and staff;

20          requiring the Department of State to provide

21          administrative support and consulting services;

22          authorizing the commission to establish a

23          not-for-profit corporation for certain

24          purposes; requiring the corporation to apply

25          for federal tax-exempt status; authorizing the

26          corporation to receive moneys for certain

27          purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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1           Section 1. (1) The Discovery of Florida  
2 Quincentennial Commemoration Commission is established and  
3 shall terminate July 1, 2014. The commission shall consist of  
4 the Governor or the Governor's designee, all living former  
5 Governors of this state, the President of the Senate or the  
6 president's designee, two members of the Senate appointed by  
7 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives or the speaker's designee, two members of the  
9 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House  
10 of Representatives, the Secretary of State or the secretary's  
11 designee, the chair of the Florida Historical Commission, the  
12 chair of the Florida Arts Council, the director of the Office  
13 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, and a  
14 representative appointed by the Governor from each of the  
15 following counties of this state associated with Juan Ponce de  
16 Leon's 1513 voyage: Charlotte, Lee, Palm Beach, St. Johns, and  
17 Monroe. Any members of the Legislature serving on the  
18 commission shall be ex officio, nonvoting members.

19           (2) All appointed members' terms shall be coterminous  
20 with the terms of their appointing authorities and, if a  
21 position becomes vacant, a successor shall be appointed in the  
22 manner of the original appointment.

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

28           (4) Members shall serve without compensation, except  
29 that members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses,  
30 pursuant to section 112.061, Florida Statutes, incurred in the  
31 performance of their duties.

1           (5) The commission shall adopt bylaws for the conduct  
2 of its business and shall have the power to amend and rescind  
3 these bylaws. The commission shall publish its bylaws in  
4 convenient form and shall file a copy thereof and a copy of  
5 any amendment thereto with the appropriate agency or officer.

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

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

14           (a) State and local historic preservation programs and  
15 activities.

16           (b) State and local archaeological programs and  
17 activities.

18           (c) Publications, films, and other educational  
19 materials.

20           (d) Biographical, bibliographical, and documentary  
21 projects that chronicle the life of Juan Ponce de Leon, his  
22 1513 and 1521 voyages to Florida, the creation of the  
23 commission, and the implementation of the master plan.

24           (e) Conferences, lectures, seminars, and other  
25 programs.

26           (f) Museum, library, cultural center, park  
27 improvements, services, and exhibits, including, but not  
28 limited to, a quincentennial commemorative painting and mobile  
29 exhibits.

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

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

3           (i) Tourism attractions; a license plate, logo, seal,  
4 or trademark design; and retail items.

5           (j) Ceremonies and commemorations.

6           (8) The commission's master plan shall devise a  
7 timetable and budget for completion for all parts of the  
8 master plan and shall be submitted to the Governor, the  
9 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
10 Representatives. The commission shall submit an initial draft  
11 of the master plan to the Governor, the President of the  
12 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
13 January 2006. The master plan must be completed by January  
14 2007.

15           (9) To perform its duties, the commission is  
16 authorized to appoint subcommittees that may include persons  
17 who are not members of the commission. Such persons shall not  
18 be entitled to compensation but shall be reimbursed for  
19 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
20 duties.

21           (10) The commission may employ and fix the salaries  
22 and duties of an executive director and professional and  
23 administrative employees as may be necessary to carry out the  
24 duties of the commission as provided by law.

25           (11) The Department of State shall provide  
26 administrative support and consulting services to the  
27 commission for the commission's activities.

28           (12)(a) The commission may establish a not-for-profit  
29 corporation to raise funds and to assist in the implementation  
30 of the master plan relating to the quincentennial  
31 commemoration of the discovery of this state. The corporation

1 shall be governed by a board of directors. The board of  
2 directors of the corporation may select a name for the  
3 corporation. The board shall choose its own chair.

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

7 (c) The corporation may receive funds from the general  
8 public or other public or private sources for purposes of  
9 funding its activities and implementing the provisions of this  
10 act. In addition to funds received from the general public or  
11 other public and private sources, the not-for-profit  
12 corporation may receive funds from state agencies at such  
13 times and in such amounts as may be appropriated by the  
14 Legislature for the quincentennial or made available to the  
15 corporation from state agencies from the corporation's sources  
16 of revenue.

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

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

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