

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Women's Suffrage Centennial
 3 Commemoration Committee; creating the committee
 4 adjunct to the Department of State; providing for the
 5 purpose of the committee; specifying the composition
 6 of the committee and requirements of committee
 7 members; prescribing duties of the committee in order
 8 to ensure a suitable statewide observance of the
 9 centennial of women's suffrage; requiring the Division
 10 of Historical Resources of the department to provide
 11 administrative and staff support; providing for
 12 expiration of the act; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. (1) The Women's Suffrage Centennial
 17 Commemoration Committee, a committee as defined in s. 20.03(8),
 18 Florida Statutes, is created adjunct to the Department of State
 19 for the express purpose of ensuring a suitable statewide
 20 observance of the centennial of women's suffrage in 2020. Except
 21 as otherwise provided in this section, the committee shall
 22 operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.

23 (2) The committee is composed of the following members:

24 (a) The Secretary of State, or his or her designee.

25 (b) The director of the Division of Historical Resources

26 | of the Department of State.

27 | (c) A women's history scholar from a postsecondary
28 | educational institution in this state, appointed by the
29 | Governor.

30 | (d) A member of the Florida Historical Commission,
31 | appointed by the Governor.

32 | (e) Two members of the Florida Commission on the Status of
33 | Women, appointed by the Governor.

34 | (f) A historian, appointed by the Governor.

35 | (g) Two citizen members, appointed by the Governor.

36 | (3) Appointed members of the committee shall serve at the
37 | pleasure of the appointing authority and any vacancies shall be
38 | filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. Members of
39 | the committee shall designate a chair and a vice chair from
40 | among its membership. The committee may meet as often as it
41 | deems necessary to fulfill the duties prescribed in this
42 | section.

43 | (4) In ensuring a suitable statewide observance of the
44 | centennial of the passage and ratification of the Nineteenth
45 | Amendment to the United States Constitution, the committee has
46 | the following duties:

47 | (a) Advise on the development of programs and activities
48 | appropriate to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage,
49 | and encourage the development of such programs and activities to
50 | ensure that the commemoration results in a positive legacy and

51 has long-term benefits.

52 (b) Facilitate the observance of women's suffrage-related
53 activities throughout the state.

54 (c) Encourage civic, historical, educational, economic,
55 and other organizations throughout the state to organize and
56 participate in activities to expand the understanding and
57 appreciation of women's suffrage.

58 (d) Coordinate and facilitate the public distribution of
59 scholarly research, publication, and interpretation of women's
60 suffrage.

61 (e) Encourage local organizations and nonprofit
62 organizations to further the commemoration of the centennial of
63 women's suffrage.

64 (5) The Division of Historical Resources of the Department
65 of State shall provide administrative and staff support for the
66 committee.

67 (6) This section expires December 31, 2020.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.