

HOUSE BILL No. 1394

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-25.1.

Synopsis: Women's suffrage centennial commission. Establishes the Indiana women's suffrage centennial commission (commission). Provides that the commission shall seek to promote activities that commemorate the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Establishes the Indiana women's suffrage centennial commission fund to pay for special projects of the commission.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2019.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-25.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 25.1. Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial**
5 **Commission**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "appointing authority" refers to**
7 **any of the following:**

- 8 (1) **The governor.**
- 9 (2) **The speaker of the house of representatives.**
- 10 (3) **The minority leader of the house of representatives.**
- 11 (4) **The president pro tempore of the senate.**
- 12 (5) **The minority leader of the senate.**

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
14 **Indiana women's suffrage centennial commission established by**
15 **section 5 of this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Indiana**
17 **women's suffrage centennial commission fund established by**



- 1 section 14 of this chapter.
 2 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "unit" has the meaning set forth
 3 in IC 36-1-2-23.
 4 Sec. 5. The Indiana women's suffrage centennial commission is
 5 established.
 6 Sec. 6. (a) The commission consists of the following seventeen
 7 (17) members.
 8 (1) Seven (7) members who represent an organization whose
 9 mission involves education, culture, women's history, or civic
 10 engagement, appointed by the governor.
 11 (2) One (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed
 12 by the speaker of the house of representatives.
 13 (3) One (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed
 14 by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
 15 (4) One (1) member of the senate, appointed by the president
 16 pro tempore of the senate.
 17 (5) One (1) member of the senate, appointed by the minority
 18 leader of the senate.
 19 (6) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's
 20 designee.
 21 (7) The chief justice of Indiana or the chief justice's designee.
 22 (8) The chairperson of the Indiana commission for women or
 23 the chairperson's designee.
 24 (9) The state superintendent of public instruction or the
 25 superintendent's designee.
 26 (10) The chief executive officer of the Indiana state museum
 27 and historic sites corporation or the chief executive officer's
 28 designee.
 29 (11) The director of the Indiana archives and records
 30 administration or the director's designee.
 31 (b) A legislative member of the commission appointed under
 32 subsection (a)(2)through (a)(5) is a nonvoting advisory member.
 33 Sec. 7. The commission shall do the following:
 34 (1) Plan and develop activities that are appropriate to
 35 commemorate the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to
 36 the Constitution of the United States.
 37 (2) Encourage and assist:
 38 (A) state agencies (as defined in IC 4-13-1-1);
 39 (B) units of local government; and
 40 (C) private organizations within Indiana;
 41 in coordinating, organizing, and participating in activities that
 42 commemorate the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution



1 of the United States.

2 (3) Work to create a legacy that elevates the contributions of
3 women and men with a connection to Indiana who were
4 instrumental or otherwise played a role in the process of
5 ratifying the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of
6 the United States.

7 Sec. 8. The governor shall designate a member to serve as the
8 chairperson of the commission.

9 Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (b), each member of the
10 commission serves until the expiration of this chapter, as provided
11 in section 17 of this chapter.

12 (b) A member appointed to the commission serves at the
13 pleasure of the governor.

14 (c) If a vacancy occurs on the membership of the commission,
15 the appointing authority shall appoint a successor to complete the
16 remainder of the member's unexpired term.

17 Sec. 10. The commission shall meet at least once quarterly or at
18 the call of the chairperson.

19 Sec. 11. The commission may conduct a meeting electronically
20 in accordance with the requirements set forth in IC 5-14-1.5-3.6.

21 Sec. 12. A majority of the members appointed to the commission
22 constitutes a quorum.

23 Sec. 13. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting
24 members appointed to the commission are required for the
25 commission to take official action.

26 Sec. 14. (a) The Indiana women's suffrage centennial
27 commission fund is established. The commission may use money in
28 the fund for special projects of the commission.

29 (b) The fund consists of:

30 (1) appropriations from the general assembly; and

31 (2) gifts, grants, contributions, and other donations.

32 (c) The treasurer of state shall administer the fund.

33 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
34 money in the fund.

35 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
36 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
37 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest accrues to
38 the fund.

39 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
40 revert to the state general fund.

41 Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), a
42 member of the commission is not entitled to any compensation for



1 serving on the commission.

2 (b) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee
3 is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided
4 under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in
5 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
6 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of
7 administration and approved by the budget agency.

8 (c) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
9 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
10 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
11 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
12 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
13 procedures established by the Indiana department of
14 administration and approved by the budget agency.

15 (d) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
16 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
17 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly
18 serving on interim study committees established by the legislative
19 council.

20 **Sec. 16.** The civil rights commission created by IC 22-9-1-4 shall
21 provide staff and administrative support to the commission.

22 **Sec. 17.** This chapter expires July 1, 2021.

23 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) Upon the expiration
24 of IC 4-23-25.1, as added by this act, on July 1, 2021, the auditor of
25 state shall transfer any unencumbered money in the Indiana
26 women's suffrage centennial commission fund established by
27 IC 4-23-25.1-14, as added by this act, to the state general fund.

28 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2022.

29 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

