

Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 12

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

SECTION 1. IC 4-23-34 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]:

Chapter 34. Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" means the Indiana semiquincentennial commission established by section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. The Indiana semiquincentennial commission is established.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of the following members:

- (1) The governor or the governor's designee.**
- (2) The lieutenant governor.**
- (3) The adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard.**
- (4) The director of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs.**
- (5) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.**
- (6) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.**
- (7) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**

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- (8) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- (9) One (1) member appointed by the governor who represents a state or local organization dedicated to American Revolutionary War reenactment.
- (10) One (1) member appointed by the governor who represents a state or local organization dedicated to Civil War reenactment.
- (11) Nine (9) members appointed by the governor as follows:
- (A) One (1) member nominated by the state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Indiana.
 - (B) One (1) member nominated by the commander of the American Legion, Department of Indiana.
 - (C) One (1) member nominated by the executive director of the Indiana war memorials.
 - (D) One (1) member nominated by the president of the Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.
 - (E) One (1) member nominated by the board of directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.
 - (F) One (1) member nominated by the president of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
 - (G) One (1) member nominated by the board of management of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.
 - (H) One (1) member jointly nominated by the aerie state president and the auxiliary state president of the Indiana State Fraternal Order of Eagles.
 - (I) One (1) member nominated by the president of the Indiana historical society.
- (12) One (1) member appointed by the Indiana Association of Museums.
- (13) One (1) member appointed by the Indiana Council for Social Studies.
- (14) One (1) member appointed by the Indiana Humanities Council.
- (15) One (1) member appointed by the Native American Commission.
- (b) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, the appointing authority that appointed the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.
- Sec. 4. A legislative member of the commission appointed under section 3 of this chapter is a nonvoting advisory member.



Sec. 5. (a) The member appointed to represent the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the member appointed to represent the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution shall serve as the co-chairpersons of the commission.

(b) The commission shall elect one (1) member to serve as the secretary of the commission and one (1) member to serve as the treasurer of the commission.

Sec. 6. Each member of the commission serves until the expiration of this chapter, as provided in section 16 of this chapter.

Sec. 7. The chairperson shall call the first meeting of the commission before October 1, 2022. Thereafter, the commission shall meet quarterly. All meetings must be convened at the Indiana World War Memorial in Indianapolis. The commission may conduct a meeting electronically in accordance with the requirements set forth in IC 5-14-1.5-3.6.

Sec. 8. A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 9. The Indiana department of veterans' affairs shall furnish the necessary staff support for the commission.

Sec. 10. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate an overall program in 2026 commemorating the history of the United States leading up to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

(2) Encourage and assist state agencies (as defined in IC 4-13-1-1), counties, municipalities, townships, and private organizations in coordinating, organizing, and participating in activities that commemorate the semiquincentennial of the United States.

(3) Plan and promote an event to occur on July 4, 2026, at the World War Memorial in Indianapolis.

(4) Give due consideration, in developing the plans for the program, to any related plans and programs developed by federal, state, local, and private groups.

(5) Coordinate the commission's activities and projects with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, community organizations, local municipalities, and other entities that the commission determines to be appropriate.

(6) Create a logo that incorporates the America250 logo used by the America250 Foundation, Inc., and adds a design component specific to Indiana.

Sec. 11. The commission may do the following:



(1) Issue proclamations and resolutions to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

(2) Accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, limited liability companies, and other organizations, to be used in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

(3) Apply for, receive, and disburse any funds available from the state or federal government in furtherance of the objectives of this chapter and to enter into any agreements that may be required by the state or federal government as a condition of obtaining the funds.

(4) Make and sign any agreements and do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out the commission's purposes and duties.

Sec. 12. The commission shall submit an annual report on the commission's activities to the general assembly not later than December 31, 2023, and by December 31 of each year thereafter. A report submitted under this section must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 13. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), a member of the commission is not entitled to any compensation for serving on the commission.

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

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

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

Sec. 14. The funds, accounts, management, and operations of the



commission under this chapter are subject to an audit by the state board of accounts.

Sec. 15. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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