

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1774

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8 An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the  
9 Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission Act; stating  
10 legislative intent; providing for membership of the  
11 Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission; providing  
12 for ex officio members; establishing certain meeting  
13 and quorum criteria; providing for administrative  
14 support; stating certain powers and duties of the  
15 Commission; providing for the acceptance of certain  
16 gifts, grants and funding; prohibiting compensation  
17 or reimbursement related to Commission service;  
18 providing for termination of the Commission;  
19 providing for codification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020 of Title 69, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Route  
66 Centennial Commission Act".

1           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020.1 of Title 69, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           Route 66 is one of the original highways within the U.S. Highway  
5 System. Officially, the numerical designation 66 was assigned to  
6 the Chicago-to-Los Angeles route on November 11, 1926. From the  
7 outset, public road planners intended U.S. 66 to connect the main  
8 streets of rural and urban communities along its course for the most  
9 practical of reasons; most small towns had no prior access to a  
10 major national thoroughfare. This was certainly true in Oklahoma.  
11 Oklahoma's stretch of Route 66 runs from Miami through Tulsa and  
12 Oklahoma City to Erick, passing through cities and towns of all  
13 sizes and vast expanses of rural landscape, before entering Texas  
14 and continuing on its way to Santa Monica, California. The Oklahoma  
15 Route 66 Centennial Commission is established to plan, coordinate  
16 and implement programs and special events to celebrate the historic  
17 highway's centennial in 2026 with the support of the Oklahoma  
18 Historical Society.

19           The centennial is an opportunity to celebrate the important  
20 history of Route 66 in Oklahoma through commemorative, educational  
21 and community events, including programs and exhibits about the  
22 history of how local communities grew and changed with construction  
23 of the highway; the development of a modern transportation system;  
24 the cultural impact of Route 66 both within the United States and

1 internationally; the portrayal of Route 66 in music, artwork and  
2 folklore; and how we maintain the mystique and appeal of Route 66  
3 for future generations.

4 The study, preservation and maintenance of Route-66-related  
5 resources has been a public/private partnership in Oklahoma for  
6 decades. Government agencies, private organizations and individual  
7 citizens have played critical roles in these efforts, and the  
8 Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall seek input from these  
9 partners and the general public as it develops plans for the  
10 celebration and encourages their participation.

11 The significance of the Oklahoma stretch of Route 66 is  
12 demonstrated through its status as both a state and a National  
13 Scenic Byway and as a segment of the Route 66 National Historic  
14 Trail (legislation for NHT designation is pending in the U.S.  
15 Congress). Dozens of Oklahoma properties are related to Route 66,  
16 such as roadbed segments, bridges, commercial buildings, service  
17 stations and tourist attractions, and are listed in the National  
18 Register of Historic Places. The significance of the highway is  
19 further recognized through the National Trust for Historic  
20 Preservation's selection of the entire length of the highway as one  
21 of its National Treasures.

22 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020.2 of Title 69, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. The Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall be  
2 composed of twenty-one (21) members. Appointed members shall  
3 reflect the interests, history and importance of the communities  
4 along Route 66 in Oklahoma. The members are appointed as follows:

5       1. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
6 of Representatives;

7       2. Two members shall be appointed by the President of the  
8 Senate;

9       3. Three members of the public shall be appointed by the  
10 Governor; and

11       4. Fourteen ex officio members shall be appointed as follows:

12       a. the Governor or his or her designee,

13       b. the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as  
14 chairperson, or his or her designee,

15       c. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of  
16 Transportation or his or her designee,

17       d. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical  
18 Society or his or her designee,

19       e. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of  
20 Commerce or his or her designee,

21       f. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and  
22 Recreation Department or his or her designee,

23       g. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council or  
24 his or her designee,

- 1           h.    the President of the Route 66 Alliance or his or her
- 2                designee,
- 3           i.    the President of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association or
- 4                his or her designee,
- 5           j.    the Executive Director of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.,
- 6                or his or her designee,
- 7           k.    the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Museums
- 8                Association or his or her designee,
- 9           l.    the Executive Director of Oklahoma Humanities or his
- 10               or her designee,
- 11           m.   the Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League or his
- 12               or her designee, and
- 13           n.   the President of the Oklahoma State Chamber of
- 14               Commerce or his or her designee.

15 An ex officio member of the Commission vacates the person's position  
16 on the Commission if the person ceases to hold the position that  
17 qualifies the person for service on the Commission.

18       B.   The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the times  
19 and places in this state that the Commission designates. A majority  
20 of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for  
21 transacting Commission business. Subject to appropriation, the  
22 Oklahoma Historical Society shall provide administrative and other  
23 support to the Commission.

24       C.   The Commission shall:

1           1. Plan and sponsor official Route 66 Centennial events,  
2 programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the Route 66  
3 Centennial;

4           2. Encourage the development of programs designed to involve  
5 all citizens in activities that commemorate the Route 66 Centennial  
6 events; and

7           3. Make available to the public, to the best of the  
8 Commission's ability, information on Route 66 Centennial events  
9 happening throughout the State of Oklahoma.

10          D. The Commission may accept monetary gifts, grants or  
11 appropriations from any public or private source to be held in a  
12 nonappropriated revolving fund authorized for the Oklahoma  
13 Historical Society and expended solely for the use of the Commission  
14 in performing the Commission's powers and duties under this act.  
15 The Commission may also accept in-kind gifts.

16          E. Each member of the Commission shall serve without  
17 compensation or reimbursement for travel related to Commission  
18 duties, aside from the compensation he or she might otherwise  
19 receive as authorized by law.

20          F. The Commission shall be dissolved on June 30, 2027, and any  
21 assets remaining in the Commission's trust fund shall be deposited  
22 into the state's General Revenue Fund. A final report on the  
23 activities of the Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall be  
24 delivered to the Governor no later than June 30, 2027.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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