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To establish a commission to redesignate the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Commission
5 on Renaming the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Headquarters
6 Building Act of 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

8 There is established a commission to be known as the
9 “National Commission on Renaming the J. Edgar Hoover

1 FBI Headquarters Building” (in this Act referred to as
2 the “Commission”).

3 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall review the
5 designation of the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building, lo-
6 cated at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest in the Dis-
7 trict of Columbia, and provide recommendations on the
8 redesignation of such building.

9 (b) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—In conducting the review
10 and developing the recommendations required by sub-
11 section (a), the Commission shall consider the following:

12 (1) The criteria for any redesignation of the J.
13 Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building, including—

14 (A) ensuring that such redesignation re-
15 flects—

16 (i) the mission and values of the Fed-
17 eral Bureau of Investigation (in this Act
18 referred to as the “FBI”);

19 (ii) racial, ethnic, and gender diver-
20 sity; and

21 (iii) the values of the United States
22 Constitution;

23 (B) serving as an inspiration to FBI em-
24 ployees and citizens of the United States; and

1 (C) honoring living persons when appro-
2 priate and in exceptional cases.

3 (2) The rules, regulations, and procedures for
4 the designation of Federal buildings.

5 (3) Any other criteria that the Commission de-
6 termines are relevant.

7 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

8 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission
9 shall be composed of 8 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) 2 members appointed by the President, in
11 consultation with the Attorney General and Director
12 of the FBI.

13 (2) 2 members appointed by the majority leader
14 of the Senate.

15 (3) 1 member appointed by the minority leader
16 of the Senate.

17 (4) 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (5) 1 member appointed by the minority leader
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 (b) CRITERIA.—Each member of the Commission
22 shall have expertise in the history of the Federal Govern-
23 ment or social justice issues.

1 (c) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The Chair and Vice
2 Chair of the Commission shall be elected by the members
3 of the Commission.

4 (d) APPOINTMENT.—

5 (1) DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—

6 Each member of the Commission shall be appointed
7 not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act.

9 (2) EFFECT OF LACK OF APPOINTMENT.—If

10 the appointment for a membership position de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) is not made by the appoint-
12 ment deadline described under paragraph (1), or if
13 a membership position described in subsection (a) is
14 vacant for more than 90 days, the authority to make
15 an appointment for such position shall transfer to
16 the Chair.

17 (e) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
18 life of the Commission.

19 (f) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the Commission shall—

20 (1) not affect the powers of the Commission;
21 and

22 (2) be filled in the manner in which the original
23 appointment was made.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORTS.**

2 (a) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
4 shall submit to the President and Congress an interim re-
5 port on the activities of the Commission related to the re-
6 designation of the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building.

7 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
9 shall submit to the President and Congress a report on
10 the results of the review carried out pursuant to section
11 3(a) and any recommendations related to the redesigna-
12 tion of the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building.

13 **SEC. 6. REDESIGNATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
15 Commission submits the final report pursuant to section
16 5(b), the Director of the FBI shall determine whether to
17 redesignate the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building in ac-
18 cordance with the recommendations of the Commission.

19 (b) REPORT.—If the Director of the FBI makes a
20 determination that the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building
21 should not be redesignated in accordance with the rec-
22 ommendations of the Commission, the Director shall sub-
23 mit to Congress a report explaining the reason for such
24 determination.

25 (c) BUILDING RELOCATION.—If the headquarters of
26 the FBI holds a designation provided under this Act and

1 such headquarters is moved to a different facility, such
2 facility shall hold the same such designation.

3 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

4 The Commission shall terminate on the date that is
5 not later than 30 days after the Commission submits the
6 final report pursuant to section 5(b).

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