

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a committee to study the formation  
3 of a Texas Bicentennial Commission.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "committee" means the  
6 committee established under Section 2 of this Act.

7 SECTION 2. COMMITTEE. (a) The committee is composed of 18  
8 members as follows:

9 (1) one member appointed by the governor who serves as  
10 presiding officer;

11 (2) one member appointed jointly by the lieutenant  
12 governor and the speaker of the house of representatives who serves  
13 as assistant presiding officer;

14 (3) five senators appointed by the lieutenant  
15 governor;

16 (4) five representatives appointed by the speaker of  
17 the house of representatives; and

18 (5) six nonvoting members appointed by the governor  
19 who are residents of this state with at least one member appointed  
20 from each state senatorial district that contains one of the  
21 following:

22 (A) Fair Park;

23 (B) the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic  
24 Site;

1                   (C) the Alamo;  
2                   (D) the State Capitol; or  
3                   (E) Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic  
4 Site.

5           (b) The committee must reflect the racial, ethnic, and  
6 geographic diversity of this state.

7           (c) The committee shall meet at the call of the presiding  
8 officer. Committee meetings may be held in person, by telephone, or  
9 by other means of communication.

10          (d) The committee may establish subcommittees to assist the  
11 committee in carrying out its duties under this Act.

12          (e) A member of the committee may not receive compensation  
13 for service on the committee.

14          (f) The General Land Office and the Texas Historical  
15 Commission shall provide administrative support services at the  
16 request of the committee, including assisting in drafting and  
17 compiling the report required by this Act.

18          (g) Committee meetings must be open to the public.

19          SECTION 3. STUDY; REPORT. (a) The committee shall study  
20 the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission to plan this  
21 state's celebration of the 2036 bicentennial, including:

22               (1) the composition of the commission, the manner of  
23 appointing its members, and the total number of members; and

24               (2) the scope and duties of the commission.

25          (b) Not later than December 30, 2022, the committee shall  
26 submit a written report to each member of the legislature with  
27 recommendations on the areas of study described by Subsection (a)

1 of this section and any other recommendations the committee  
2 considers appropriate.

3 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. The committee is abolished and this  
4 Act expires January 1, 2023.

5 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
6 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4056 was passed by the House on May 8, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 27, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4056 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 104, Nays 43, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4056 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor