

By: Hughes

S.B. No. 1985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 September 30, 2024, 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)

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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, 2025.

5 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
6 1, 2023.