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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a commission to prepare for the
3 celebration of the state's bicentennial.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
6 Texas 2036 Commission.

7 SECTION 2. COMMISSION. (a) The Texas 2036 Commission is
8 created.

9 (b) The commission is composed of 12 members. The executive
10 director of the Texas Historical Commission, the president general
11 of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the chair of the
12 board of directors of the State Fair of Texas are members of the
13 commission. The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker
14 of the house of representatives shall each appoint one member to the
15 commission. The county judges of Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris,
16 Tarrant, and Travis Counties shall each appoint one member to the
17 commission.

18 (c) Appointed members of the commission serve for two years
19 and may be reappointed.

20 (d) Appointments to the commission shall be made without
21 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
22 national origin of the appointee.

23 (e) A vacancy in an appointed office of the commission shall
24 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

1 SECTION 3. OFFICERS. The commission shall elect one of its
2 members to serve as chair for a term of two years. The chair is
3 entitled to vote on all matters before the commission.

4 SECTION 4. COMPENSATION. A member of the commission serves
5 without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for actual
6 and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a member
7 of the commission, subject to any applicable limitation on
8 reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act.

9 SECTION 5. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at the call
10 of the chair and as provided by commission rule.

11 SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. (a) The
12 commission may adopt rules as necessary for its procedures.

13 (b) The commission shall plan and coordinate state and local
14 activities related to the celebration of the state's bicentennial.

15 (c) The commission may encourage individuals, private
16 organizations, and local governmental bodies to organize
17 appropriate activities and may gather and disseminate information
18 to the public relating to those activities.

19 (d) The commission may solicit and accept gifts and grants
20 from any source to be used by the commission in performing its
21 functions under this Act.

22 SECTION 7. COMMISSION REPORTS. (a) Before each regular
23 session of the legislature, the commission shall report to the
24 legislature on its activities during the preceding two-year period.
25 The report must include an accounting, verified by a certified
26 public accountant, of the money raised and spent by the commission
27 during the period covered by the report.

1 (b) As soon after March 2, 2036, as the commission
2 determines that it has completed its work and has satisfied its
3 financial obligations, but not later than December 31, 2036, the
4 commission shall file with the legislature and the secretary of
5 state a final report verified by a certified public accountant that
6 shows:

7 (1) the total amount of contributions received by the
8 commission during the commission's existence;

9 (2) the total amount of expenditures made by the
10 commission; and

11 (3) the total amount of money remaining in the
12 commission's possession.

13 (c) On the date on which the commission files its final
14 report, the commission shall deliver to the comptroller of public
15 accounts all unexpended and unobligated money that the commission
16 possesses. The comptroller shall deposit the money to the credit of
17 the general revenue fund.

18 SECTION 8. EXPIRATION. This Act expires and the commission
19 is abolished January 1, 2037.

20 SECTION 9. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. The governor, the
21 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
22 and the appropriate county judges shall make the appointments
23 required by Section 2 of this Act not later than November 1, 2013.

24 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
25 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
26 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
27 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for

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1 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.