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H.B. No. 4056

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 77
8 members as follows:

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

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

14 (3) two members appointed by each senator:

15 (A) both of whom must be residents of the
16 senator's district;

17 (B) one of whom must be male and the other female;

18 (C) one of whom must be:

19 (i) a member of a county historical
20 commission or local historical society in the senator's district
21 and recommended by the commission or society, if there is at least
22 one county historical commission or local historical society in the
23 district; or

24 (ii) otherwise recommended by a county

1 commissioners court in the senator's district as knowledgeable on
2 local history; and

3 (D) one of whom must be selected after soliciting
4 input from each county judge in the senator's district on the
5 proposed member;

6 (4) four members appointed by the chair of the Texas
7 Legislative Black Caucus in consultation with the members of the
8 caucus;

9 (5) four members appointed by the chair of the Mexican
10 American Legislative Caucus in consultation with the members of the
11 caucus;

12 (6) one member appointed by the commissioner of the
13 General Land Office to represent that office;

14 (7) one member appointed by the comptroller to
15 represent the comptroller's office;

16 (8) one member appointed by the executive director of
17 the Texas Historical Commission to represent that commission;

18 (9) one member appointed by the director and librarian
19 of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; and

20 (10) one member appointed by the executive director of
21 the Texas Commission on the Arts to represent that commission.

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

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

27 (d) The committee may establish subcommittees to assist the

1 committee in carrying out its duties under this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (b) Not later than December 30, 2022, the committee shall
16 submit a written report to each member of the legislature with
17 recommendations on the areas of study described by Subsection (a)
18 of this section and any other recommendations the committee
19 considers appropriate.

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

22 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
23 1, 2021.