

HOUSE BILL 1535

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By: **Delegate Jones**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Passage of the**
3 **19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Commemoration of the
5 Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States
6 Constitution; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the
7 Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain
8 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Commission to take certain actions and make recommendations
10 regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its activities,
11 findings, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
12 before a certain date and annually thereafter for a certain period of time;
13 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
14 Commission on the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Passage of the
15 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – State Government

18 Section 9–3001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 30. Commission on the
19 Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th
20 Amendment to the United States Constitution”

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

23 Preamble

24 WHEREAS, The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution giving
25 American women the right to vote was passed by both houses of the United States
26 Congress in 1919; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Maryland's representatives Senator Joseph I. France and
2 Congressmen William Andrews, John Linthicum, and Frederick Zihlman voted in
3 favor of the resolution that sent the proposed amendment to the states; and

4 WHEREAS, The 19th Amendment was ratified by the State of Tennessee on
5 August 18, 1920, making it the 36th state to ratify the amendment and provided the
6 final ratification necessary to enact the amendment; and

7 WHEREAS, Maryland and its citizens played an important role in the cause of
8 suffrage for women, including serving as the final stretch of the 1913 March for
9 Women's Suffrage from Newark, New Jersey, to Washington, D.C.; and

10 WHEREAS, The years 2019 through 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of
11 the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 **SUBTITLE 30. COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY**
16 **OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES**
17 **CONSTITUTION.**

18 **9–3001.**

19 **(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE**
20 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED**
21 **STATES CONSTITUTION.**

22 **(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

23 **(1) THE GOVERNOR, OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE;**

24 **(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED**
25 **BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

26 **(3) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED**
27 **BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

28 **(4) TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR**
29 **WOMEN, APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR**
30 **WOMEN;**

1 **(5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND**
2 **CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**
3 **DEVELOPMENT, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

4 **(6) THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TOURISM, FILM, AND THE**
5 **ARTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR**
6 **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

7 **(7) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL**
8 **SOCIETY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

9 **(8) THE STATE ARCHIVIST, OR THE STATE ARCHIVIST'S**
10 **DESIGNEE; AND**

11 **(9) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

12 **(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN**
13 **VOTERS OF MARYLAND;**

14 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE**
15 **CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF**
16 **COLORED PEOPLE;**

17 **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND**
18 **DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOMEN'S DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL; AND**

19 **(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND**
20 **FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN.**

21 **(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE**
22 **COMMISSION.**

23 **(D) THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE**
24 **COMMISSION.**

25 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:**

26 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
27 **COMMISSION; BUT**

28 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
29 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
30 **BUDGET.**

1 **(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

2 **(1) ASSEMBLE AN INVENTORY OF SITES IN MARYLAND THAT ARE**
3 **SIGNIFICANT TO THE WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT AND THE RATIFICATION**
4 **OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION;**

5 **(2) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR COMMEMORATING THE EVENTS THAT**
6 **OCCURRED IN MARYLAND CONNECTED TO THE WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT**
7 **AND THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES**
8 **CONSTITUTION;**

9 **(3) DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM RELATED TO**
10 **THE COMMEMORATION;**

11 **(4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING FACILITY**
12 **DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIR RELATED TO THE COMMEMORATION;**

13 **(5) COORDINATE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL**
14 **GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE, AND NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS REGARDING**
15 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS COMMEMORATING THE WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE**
16 **MOVEMENT AND THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED**
17 **STATES CONSTITUTION; AND**

18 **(6) IF APPROPRIATE, RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM AND CONSULT**
19 **WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE ISSUES OF**
20 **INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION.**

21 **(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER**
22 **FOR THE FOLLOWING 5 YEARS, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS**
23 **ACTIVITIES, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
24 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
25 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and 4 months and, at the
28 end of October 31, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
29 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.