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House Bill 1535 (Delegate Jones)
 Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of
 the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution

This bill establishes the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United State Constitution. The Maryland State Archives (MSA) must staff the commission. By December 31, 2014, and annually thereafter for the following five years, the commission must report its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013, and terminates October 31, 2020.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$37,600 in FY 2014, which reflects the cost of hiring one part-time contractual employee within MSA to staff the commission and produce the required reports. Future years reflect annualization and inflation. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	37,600	43,700	45,600	47,600	49,700
Net Effect	(\$37,600)	(\$43,700)	(\$45,600)	(\$47,600)	(\$49,700)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The commission must:

- assemble an inventory of sites in Maryland that are significant to the women's suffrage movement and the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;
- develop a plan for commemorating the events that occurred in Maryland connected to the women's suffrage movement and the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;
- develop a strategy to encourage tourism related to the commemoration;
- make recommendations concerning facility development and repair related to the commemoration;
- coordinate with the federal government, local governments, and neighboring jurisdictions regarding the development of plans commemorating the women's suffrage movement and the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and
- if appropriate, receive testimony from and consult with individuals who are knowledgeable regarding the issues of interest to the commission.

The Governor must designate the chair of the commission. Commission members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

Background: As noted in the bill's preamble, the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted American women the right to vote, was passed by both houses of the U.S. Congress in 1919. Maryland's representatives Senator Joseph I. France and Congressmen William Andrews, John Linthicum, and Frederick Zihlman voted in favor of the resolution that sent the proposed amendment to the states.

Tennessee ratified the Nineteenth Amendment on August 18, 1920, which was the final ratification necessary to enact the amendment. Thus, the years 2019 through 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures increase by \$37,609 in fiscal 2014 which reflects a 90-day start-up delay and the bill's July 1, 2013 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one part-time (50%) contractual employee within MSA to staff the commission and produce the required reports. It includes a part-time salary, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses. The estimate assumes MSA absorbs any additional expenditures related to expense reimbursements for task force members. The estimate does not reflect any additional costs to implement the plans and strategies identified to commemorate the anniversary. Based on information provided by MSA, it is assumed that any such costs are paid for with private donations.

	<u>FY 2014</u>
Contractual Position	0.5
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$32,778
Operating Expenses and Start-up Costs	<u>4,831</u>
Total FY 2014 State Expenditures	\$37,609

Future year expenditures reflect a full salary with annual increase in employee turnover as well as annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. This analysis assumes termination of the contractual employee on December 31, 2019.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1067 (Senator Klausmeier, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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