

Chapter 603

(Senate Bill 1067)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to take certain actions and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date and annually thereafter for a certain period of time; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–3001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 30. Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

Preamble

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

WHEREAS, 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; and

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

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

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

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

Article – State Government

SUBTITLE 30. COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

9–3001.

(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

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

(E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

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

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

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

(2) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR COMMEMORATING THE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED IN MARYLAND CONNECTED TO THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

AND THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.