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5 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill,  
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR13,

5 CREATING THE ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.  
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7 WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the two hundredth  
8 anniversary of the attainment of statehood by Alabama upon its  
9 admission by Congress as the twenty-first state in the Union;  
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11 WHEREAS, as the state approaches its bicentennial  
12 year of statehood, it is appropriate to celebrate and  
13 commemorate this anniversary through local and statewide  
14 observances and activities planned, encouraged, coordinated,  
15 and conducted by a commission created for such purpose; and

16 WHEREAS, during the summer of 1819, 44 delegates met  
17 in the City of Huntsville to debate and author Alabama's first  
18 constitution. Specifically, these delegates met at what is now  
19 known as Alabama Constitution Village and their efforts  
20 enabled Alabama's admittance to the Union; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Bicentennial  
23 Commission is created and established for the purpose of  
24 leading the state in its bicentennial commemoration of  
25 attaining statehood.

1           (a) The purpose and agenda of the commission shall  
2 include the following:

3           (1) Plan and develop activities appropriate to  
4 commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of Alabama's  
5 statehood, including projects seeking to harmonize and balance  
6 the important goals of ceremony and celebration with the  
7 equally important goals of scholarship, education, and  
8 economic development.

9           (2) Encourage private organizations and local  
10 governments to organize and participate in bicentennial  
11 activities commemorating and examining the historic events  
12 associated with Alabama's statehood.

13           (3) Serve as a clearinghouse for collecting and  
14 disseminating information about bicentennial events and plans  
15 in the state.

16           (4) Cooperate and coordinate with any similar  
17 commission created by the United States government or any  
18 other state in preparing to commemorate and celebrate this  
19 important historical event.

20           (5) Encourage state agencies to develop bicentennial  
21 programs such as the creation of commemorative automobile  
22 license plates and public programs in state and local parks,  
23 museums, and libraries.

24           (6) Seek cooperation, advice, and assistance from  
25 both private and governmental agencies and organizations,

1 including local governments, scholarly societies, academic  
2 institutions, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic,  
3 and professional groups and associations.

4 (7) Adopt rules and regulations regarding the use of  
5 logos, symbols, or marks, or any facsimile thereof, originated  
6 under the authority of and certified by the commission for use  
7 in connection with the state bicentennial commemoration.

8 (b) (1) The commission shall consist of the following  
9 members:

10 a. Two members appointed by the Governor.

11 b. Two members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

12 c. Two members appointed by the President Pro  
13 Tempore of the Senate.

14 d. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
15 of Representatives.

16 e. The Director of the Alabama Tourism Department or  
17 his or her designee.

18 f. The Director of the Department of Archives and  
19 History or his or her designee.

20 g. The Director of the Alabama Constitution Village  
21 or his or her designee.

22 h. The Director the State Black Archives Center and  
23 Museum or his or her designee.

24 (2) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his  
25 or her appointing authority.

1           (3) A vacancy in the membership shall be filled in  
2 the same manner as the original appointment.

3           (c) The members of the commission shall elect a  
4 chair, vice-chair, and other officers and may employ such  
5 staff as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the  
6 business of the commission.

7           (d) The members of the commission shall serve  
8 without compensation; however, they shall be reimbursed for  
9 actual expenses, including travel expenses, to the extent that  
10 funds are made available for that purpose. Notwithstanding the  
11 foregoing, no legislative member shall receive additional per  
12 diem when the Legislature is in session or if a legislative  
13 member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for  
14 attendance on other state business.

15           (e) The commission shall hold its initial meeting no  
16 later than September 1, 2013, and shall meet thereafter  
17 according to a schedule established by the members. Special  
18 meetings shall be held on the call of the chair or a quorum of  
19 the members of the commission. The chair or other members of  
20 the commission calling the meeting shall give at least seven  
21 days' notice of all regular or special meetings, which notice  
22 shall include the place and the time of the meeting. A  
23 majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a  
24 quorum for the transaction of all business at a regular or  
25 special meeting.

1           (f) The commission shall submit an annual report to  
2 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the beginning  
5 of the regular session of the Legislature in 2014, 2015, 2016,  
6 2017, 2018, and 2019. The report shall include specific  
7 recommendations and plans for commemoration and coordinating  
8 bicentennial and related activities.

9           (g) Each department, commission, board, agency,  
10 officer, and institution of the state and all subdivisions of  
11 the state shall cooperate with the commission in carrying out  
12 the purposes of this act.

13           (h) The Alabama Bicentennial Commission shall  
14 terminate on April 30, 2020.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and adopted the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Orr