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7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley, and
8 Williams
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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

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10 WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the two hundredth
11 anniversary of the attainment of statehood by Alabama upon its
12 admission by Congress as the twenty-first state in the Union;
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14 WHEREAS, as the state approaches its bicentennial
15 year of statehood, it is appropriate to celebrate and
16 commemorate this anniversary through local and statewide
17 observances and activities planned, encouraged, coordinated,
18 and conducted by a commission created for such purpose; and

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Bicentennial
26 Commission is created and established for the purpose of

1 leading the state in its bicentennial commemoration of
2 attaining statehood.

3 (a) The purpose and agenda of the commission shall
4 include the following:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) Seek cooperation, advice, and assistance from
27 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 Representative.

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.

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

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

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

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

24 (f) The commission shall submit an annual report to
25 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro
26 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the beginning

1 of the regular session of the Legislature in 2014, 2015, 2016,
2 2017, 2018, and 2019. The report shall include specific
3 recommendations and plans for commemoration and coordinating
4 bicentennial and related activities.

5 (g) Each department, commission, board, agency,
6 officer, and institution of the state and all subdivisions of
7 the state shall cooperate with the commission in carrying out
8 the purposes of this act.

9 (h) The Alabama Bicentennial Commission shall
10 terminate on April 30, 2020.