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Senate Bill 203

By: Senator Hill of the 6th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 Secretary of State, so as create the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission; to provide
- 3 for the membership, powers and duties, expense reimbursement, and operations of the
- 4 commission; to provide for administrative assignment of the commission to the office of the
- 5 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and legal services by the Attorney
- 6 General; to provide for the purpose of the commission; to authorize the solicitation, receipt,
- 7 and expenditure of appropriations and donations; to provide for reports; to provide for related
- 8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

- 11 Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Secretary
- of State, is amended by revising Article 3, which is reserved, so as to enact a new Article 3
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 "ARTICLE 3
- 15 <u>45-13-40.</u>
- 16 (a) There is created the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission. The commission
- shall consist of two members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the
- President of the Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 19 Representatives. Each member of the commission shall serve for the existence of the
- 20 <u>commission</u>. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by an appointment by the
- 21 <u>officer who appointed the member whose seat has become vacant.</u>
- 22 (b) The chairperson of the commission and vice chairperson shall be appointed by the
- 23 <u>commission from among its membership</u>. The commission may establish such bylaws for
- 24 <u>its operation as it may deem appropriate.</u>
- 25 <u>45-13-41.</u>

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26 The commission shall be attached for administrative purposes to the office of the Board of

- 27 Regents of the University System of Georgia. If approved by the Board of Regents, the
- 28 <u>board shall provide support staff and facilities for the commission. The Attorney General</u>
- 29 <u>shall provide legal counsel to the commission and shall provide legal representation in any</u>
- 30 <u>matter involving the affairs of the commission. No additional state appropriations shall be</u>
- 31 <u>made for this commission.</u>
- 32 <u>45-13-42.</u>
- 33 The purpose of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission shall be:
- 34 (1) To plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the
- 35 <u>centennial of World War I and Georgia's role in it;</u>
- 36 (2) To encourage private organizations and local governments in Georgia to organize and
- participate in activities commemorating the centennial of World War I; and
- 38 (3) To serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about
- events and plans, in Georgia, for the centennial of World War I.
- 40 <u>45-13-43.</u>
- 41 The commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such
- 42 <u>testimony</u>, and receive such evidence as the commission considers appropriate to carry out
- 43 <u>its duties under this Act.</u>
- 44 <u>45-13-44.</u>
- 45 The commission shall secure directly from any state department or agency such
- 46 <u>information as the commission considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.</u>
- 47 Upon the request of the chairperson of the commission, the head of such department or
- 48 agency shall furnish such information to the commission.
- 49 45-13-45.
- 50 The commission may not enter into any contract, lease, or other legal agreement that
- 51 <u>extends beyond the date of the termination of the commission.</u>
- 52 <u>45-13-46.</u>
- 53 Gifts, bequests, and devises of services or property, both real and personal, received by the
- 54 <u>commission provided under this article shall be the only source of funds to cover the costs</u>
- 55 <u>incurred by the commission under this article. No state funds shall be appropriated for the</u>
- 56 <u>commission's operation.</u>

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- 57 <u>45-13-47.</u>
- 58 (a) Not later than December 31, 2015, and not later than the last day of each three-month
- 59 period thereafter, the commission shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor
- a report on the activities and plans of the commission.
- 61 (b) Not later than June 30, 2017, the commission shall submit to General Assembly and
- 62 Governor a report containing specific recommendations for commemorating the centennial
- of World War I and coordinating related activities.
- 64 <u>45-13-48.</u>
- 65 The commission shall terminate on the date that is 30 days after the date the completion of
- 66 the activities under this Act honoring the centennial observation of World War I or July,
- 67 <u>28, 2019, whichever date is earlier."</u>
- 68 SECTION 2.
- 69 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.