

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2369

5 By: Representatives Wills, Woods, King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CIVIL WAR
10 SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CIVIL WAR
15 SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 13 is amended to add a new chapter to
21 read as follows:

22 13-13-101. Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

23 (a) The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is created to
24 assist the Department of Arkansas Heritage in carrying out its duties and
25 responsibilities as provided in this chapter.

26 (b) The purpose of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission
27 is to:

28 (1) Promote a suitable statewide observance of the
29 sesquicentennial of the Civil War;

30 (2) Cooperate and assist national, state, and local
31 organizations with programs and activities suitable for the sesquicentennial
32 observance;

33 (3) Assist in ensuring that any observance of the
34 sesquicentennial of the Civil War is inclusive and appropriately recognizes
35 the experiences and points of views of all people affected by the Civil War;
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1 (4) Provide assistance for the development of programs,
2 projects, and activities on the Civil War that have lasting educational
3 value.

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5 13-13-102 Members.

6 (a) The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission shall consist
7 of sixteen (16) members. The members shall elect a chair from among the
8 commission members every four years.

9 (b)(1) The Governor shall appoint four (4) members to serve four-year
10 terms.

11 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint two (2) members to
13 serve four-year terms.

14 (c)(1) These persons shall be residents of Arkansas who are recognized
15 as being learned and interested in the history and the archeology of this
16 state and who have demonstrated an interest in preserving the cultural
17 resources of the state.

18 (2) These persons shall also have a background in:

19 (A) Arkansas history;

20 (B) African-American history; or

21 (C) Civil War history.

22 (3)(A) Persons initially appointed by the Governor shall serve
23 two-year terms. Persons initially appointed by the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives shall serve for three-year terms and persons initially
25 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve four-year
26 terms.

27 (B) Subsequent appointees shall serve four-year terms.

28 (C) Members may be reappointed.

29 (4) The remaining commission membership shall consist of the
30 following persons or their designees:

31 (A) Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage;

32 (B) Director of the Department of Arkansas Parks and
33 Tourism;

34 (C) Director of the Arkansas History Commission;

35 (D) Director of the Old State House Museum;

36 (E) President of the Arkansas Historical Association;

- 1 (F) Director of the Arkansas State Library;
- 2 (G) Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission; and
- 3 (H) President of the Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails
- 4 Foundation.

5 (5) The following persons shall serve in an advisory capacity:

- 6 (A) President of the Sons of Confederate Veterans;
- 7 (B) President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy;
- 8 (C) Superintendent of the Pea Ridge National Military
- 9 Park; and
- 10 (D) President of the Sons of Union Veterans.

11 (d) Members of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission
12 shall serve without pay but may receive reimbursement in accordance with §
13 25-16-902.

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15 13-13-103. Duties.

16 The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission shall have the
17 following duties:

18 (1) To plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities
19 appropriate to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War era and
20 encourage the development of programs that ensure that the commemoration
21 results in a positive legacy and has long-term public benefits;

22 (2) To encourage interdisciplinary examination of the Civil War;

23 (3) To facilitate Civil War-related activities throughout the
24 state;

25 (4) To encourage civic, historical, educational, economic, and
26 other organizations across the state to organize and participate in
27 activities to expand the understanding and appreciation of the significance
28 of the Civil War;

29 (5) To coordinate and facilitate the public distribution of
30 scholarly research, publications, and interpretation of the Civil War; and

31 (6) To provide technical assistance to local organizations and
32 nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration of the sesquicentennial
33 of the Civil War.

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35 13-13-104. Funding.

36 The General Assembly shall allocate sufficient funding to support the

1 activities of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

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3 13-13-105. Expiration of Commission.

4 The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission shall cease to exist
5 effective December 31, 2015.

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