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A BILL

To create the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and to declare an emergency. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) There is the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, which shall consist of the following members: 3
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(1) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the Commission; 5
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(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be members of the same political party; 7
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(3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, who shall not be members of the same political party; 10
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(4) One member of the Ohio Republican Party appointed by the chairperson of the Ohio Republican Party; 13
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(5) One member of the Ohio Democratic Party appointed by the chairperson of the Ohio Democratic Party; 15
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(6) Any additional members appointed by the Secretary of State in order to assist the Commission in fulfilling its duties. 17
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(B) (1) Terms of office of each member of the Commission shall end on December 31, 2020, except that a member of the General Assembly appointed to the Commission shall be a member of the Commission only so long as the member remains in office. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the manner prescribed for making the original appointment to the Commission. 20
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(2) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. 27
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(3) The Secretary of State shall provide any necessary equipment and facilities and assign any necessary professional, technical, or clerical employees of the Secretary to assist the Commission in fulfilling its duties. 29
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(C) In recognition of the hundredth anniversaries of Congress's proposal of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees women the right to vote, on June 4, 1919; the Ohio General Assembly's ratification of the Amendment on June 16, 1919; and the thirty-sixth state ratification of the Amendment by the Tennessee General Assembly on August 18, 1920, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission shall plan and carry out events and activities throughout Ohio during the years 2019 and 2020. The events and activities shall honor the women's suffrage movement and shall raise awareness of, and educate the public about, the importance and historical significance of the Nineteenth Amendment. The Commission may enter into contracts and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of 33
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the Commission's duties under this section. 47

(D) There is in the state treasury the Women's Suffrage 48
Centennial Commission Fund, which shall consist of any moneys 49
appropriated or donated to the Fund and any interest earned on 50
the moneys in the Fund. The Commission may solicit and accept 51
grants, gifts, or donations from any lawful source and shall 52
deposit all such grants, gifts, or donations in the state 53
treasury to the credit of the Fund. The Commission shall use the 54
moneys in the Fund for the purpose of carrying out the 55
Commission's duties under this section. 56

(E) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission shall cease 57
to exist on December 31, 2020. On that date, any unencumbered, 58
unobligated balance remaining in the Women's Suffrage Centennial 59
Commission Fund shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. 60
When no moneys remain in the Women's Suffrage Centennial 61
Commission Fund, it shall cease to exist. 62

Section 2. This act is an emergency measure necessary for 63
the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and 64
safety. The reason for the necessity is that the Women's 65
Suffrage Centennial Commission must begin its work as soon as 66
possible in order to carry out its duties under this act. 67
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 68