

**As Introduced**

**133rd General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2019-2020**

**S. B. No. 318**

**Senators Kunze, Williams**

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**A BILL**

To amend Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly to extend the Women's Suffrage 2  
Centennial Commission until December 31, 2021. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd General 4  
Assembly be amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 1.** (A) There is the Women's Suffrage Centennial 6  
Commission, which shall consist of the following members: 7

(1) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee, 8  
who shall serve as the chairperson of the Commission; 9

(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President 10  
of the Senate, who shall not be members of the same political 11  
party; 12

(3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed 13  
by the Speaker of the House, who shall not be members of the 14  
same political party; 15

(4) One member of the Ohio Republican Party appointed by 16  
the chairperson of the Ohio Republican Party; 17

(5) One member of the Ohio Democratic Party appointed by the chairperson of the Ohio Democratic Party;

(6) Any additional members appointed by the Secretary of State in order to assist the Commission in fulfilling its duties.

(B) (1) Terms of office of each member of the Commission shall end on December 31, ~~2020~~2021, 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.

(2) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

(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.

(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, and 2021. 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 47  
Nineteenth Amendment. The Commission may enter into contracts 48  
and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the 49  
performance of the Commission's duties under this section. 50

(D) There is in the state treasury the Women's Suffrage 51  
Centennial Commission Fund, which shall consist of any moneys 52  
appropriated or donated to the Fund and any interest earned on 53  
the moneys in the Fund. The Commission may solicit and accept 54  
grants, gifts, or donations from any lawful source and shall 55  
deposit all such grants, gifts, or donations in the state 56  
treasury to the credit of the Fund. The Commission shall use the 57  
moneys in the Fund for the purpose of carrying out the 58  
Commission's duties under this section. 59

(E) The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission shall cease 60  
to exist on December 31, ~~2020~~2021. On that date, any 61  
unencumbered, unobligated balance remaining in the Women's 62  
Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund shall be deposited in the 63  
General Revenue Fund. When no moneys remain in the Women's 64  
Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund, it shall cease to exist. 65

**Section 2.** That existing Section 1 of S.B. 30 of the 133rd 66  
General Assembly is hereby repealed. 67