

HOUSE BILL No. 2614

By Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources

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9 AN ACT concerning the commemoration of the Kansas sesquicentennial
10 in 2011; creating the Kansas sesquicentennial commission.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas sesquicentennial
14 commission. The commission shall be composed of 16 residents of the
15 state, as follows:

- 16 (1) The governor shall appoint five members, including a co-chair;
17 (2) the president of the senate shall appoint three members, includ-
18 ing a co-chair;
19 (3) the minority leader of the senate shall appoint two members;
20 (4) the speaker of the house shall appoint two members;
21 (5) the minority leader of the house shall appoint two members; and
22 (6) the executive director of the state historical society and the direc-
23 tor of the travel and tourism development division within the department
24 of commerce shall serve as ex-officio members of the commission.

25 (b) The commission shall meet on call of one of the co-chairs or at
26 the request of a majority of the members of the commission.

27 Sec. 2. (a) The sesquicentennial of Kansas will be commemorated
28 beginning January 2011 during Kansas day ceremonies. The Kansas ses-
29 quicentennial commission shall prepare an overall program for commem-
30 orating statehood and plan, encourage, develop and coordinate obser-
31 vances and activities throughout the state.

32 (b) In preparing its plans and programs, the Kansas sesquicentennial
33 commission shall consider recommendations developed by state agencies,
34 educational institutions and private citizens. The commission may des-
35 ignate special committees with representatives from state agencies, ed-
36 ucational institutions and local and private groups to plan, develop and
37 coordinate specific activities.

38 (c) In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Kansas sesquicentennial com-
39 mission shall consult, cooperate with and seek advice from appropriate
40 state agencies, local and public bodies, historical societies and patriotic,
41 philanthropic, civil, professional and related organizations.

42 (d) State agencies shall cooperate with the commission in planning,
43 encouraging, developing and coordinating appropriate commemorative

1 activities.

2 (e) The Kansas sesquicentennial commission is hereby authorized
3 and empowered to accept donations, gifts, bequests and other contribu-
4 tions of money to be used in furthering sesquicentennial activities.

5 (f) The Kansas sesquicentennial commission, on or before May 15,
6 shall submit an annual report to the joint committee on the arts and
7 cultural resources. The first of such reports shall include recommenda-
8 tions by the commission regarding the designation and involvement of
9 special committees with an emphasis on regional involvement.

10 (g) The Kansas sesquicentennial commission, on or before May 15,
11 2012, shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report of all ac-
12 tivities sponsored or supported by the commission pursuant to this act.

13 Sec. 3. The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2012.

14 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
15 publication in the statute book.