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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Museum of  
5 African American History and Culture Plan for Action  
6 Presidential Commission Act of 2001”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

8       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established the National  
9 Museum of African American History and Culture Plan  
10 for Action Presidential Commission (hereafter in this Act  
11 referred to as the “Commission”).

12       (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Commission shall consist of  
13 not more than 23 members appointed as follows:

14           (1) The President shall appoint 7 voting mem-  
15 bers.

16           (2) The Speaker of the House of Representa-  
17 tives and the Senate Majority Leader shall each ap-  
18 point 6 voting members.

19           (3) In addition to the members appointed under  
20 paragraph (2), the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives and the Senate Majority Leader shall  
22 each appoint 2 additional nonvoting members.

23       (c) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—Members of the Commission  
24 shall be chosen from the following professional groups:

1           (1) Professional museum associations, including  
2           the Association of African American Museums and  
3           African American Museum Cultural Complex. Inc.

4           (2) Academic institutions and groups com-  
5           mitted to the research and study of African Amer-  
6           ican life, art, history, and culture, including Histori-  
7           cally Black Colleges and Universities and the Joint  
8           Center for Political and Economic Studies.

9   **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.**

10          (a) PLAN OF ACTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND  
11          MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM.—

12               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall sub-  
13               mit a report to the President and the Congress con-  
14               taining its recommendations with respect to a plan  
15               of action for the establishment and maintenance of  
16               the National Museum of African American History  
17               and Culture in Washington, D.C. (hereafter in this  
18               Act referred to as the “Museum”).

19               (2) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—In developing  
20               the recommendations, the commission shall convene  
21               a national conference on the Museum, comprised of  
22               individuals committed to the advancement of African  
23               American life, art, history, and culture, not later  
24               than 3 months after the date of the enactment of  
25               this Act.

1 (b) FUNDRAISING PLAN.—The Commission shall de-  
2 velop a fundraising plan for supporting the creation and  
3 maintenance of the Museum through contributions by the  
4 American people, and a separate plan on fundraising by  
5 the African American community.

6 (c) REPORT ON ISSUES.—The Commission shall ex-  
7 amine and submit a report to the President and the Con-  
8 gress on the following issues:

9 (1) The availability and cost of collections to be  
10 acquired and housed in the Museum.

11 (2) The impact of the Museum on regional Afri-  
12 can American museums.

13 (3) Possible locations for the Museum on or ad-  
14 jacent to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

15 (4) The cost of converting the Smithsonian In-  
16 stitution's Arts and Industries Building into a mod-  
17 ern museum with requisite temperature and humid-  
18 ity controls.

19 (5) Whether the Museum should be located  
20 within the Smithsonian Institution.

21 (6) The governance and organizational struc-  
22 ture from which the museum should operate.

23 (d) LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF AC-  
24 TION.—Based on the recommendations contained in the  
25 report submitted under subsection (a) and the report sub-

mitted under subsection (c), the Commission shall submit for consideration to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate a legislative plan of action to create and construct the Museum.

**SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

(a) FACILITIES AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the administrative services, facilities, and funds necessary for the performance of the Commission’s functions.

(b) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal government may receive compensation for each day on which the member is engaged in the work of the Commission, at a daily rate to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS; TERMI-**  
2 **NATION.**

3 (a) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall submit final  
4 versions of the reports and plans required under section  
5 3 not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act.

7 (b) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
8 not later than 30 days after submitting the final versions  
9 of reports and plans pursuant to subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000  
12 for activities of the Commission during fiscal year 2002.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,  
2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*