

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1220

AN ACT

To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. ADAMS MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

2 (a) COMMISSION.—There is established a commission
3 to be known as the “Adams Memorial Commission” (re-
4 ferred to in this section as the “Commission”) for the pur-
5 pose of establishing a permanent memorial to honor John
6 Adams and his legacy as authorized by Public Law 107–
7 62, located in the city of Washington, District of Colum-
8 bia, including sites authorized by Public Law 107–315.

9 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
10 posed of—

11 (1) four persons appointed by the President,
12 not more than two of whom may be members of the
13 same political party;

14 (2) four Members of the Senate appointed by
15 the President pro tempore of the Senate in consulta-
16 tion with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader
17 of the Senate, of which not more than two ap-
18 pointees may be members of the same political
19 party; and

20 (3) four Members of the House of Representa-
21 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives in consultation with the Majority Lead-
23 er and Minority Leader of the House of Representa-
24 tives, of which not more than two appointees may be
25 members of the same political party.

1 (c) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The members of the
2 Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the
3 Commission. The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be mem-
4 bers of the same political party.

5 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission
6 shall not affect its powers if a quorum is present, but shall
7 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

8 (e) MEETINGS.—

9 (1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 45 days
10 after the date on which a majority of the members
11 of the Commission have been appointed, the Com-
12 mission shall hold its first meeting.

13 (2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—The Commission
14 shall meet at the call of the Chair.

15 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
16 Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number
17 of members may hold hearings.

18 (g) NO COMPENSATION.—A member of the Commis-
19 sion shall serve without compensation, but may be reim-
20 bursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the duties
21 of the Commission.

22 (h) DUTIES.—The Commission shall consider and
23 formulate plans for a permanent memorial to honor John
24 Adams and his legacy, including the nature, location, de-
25 sign, and construction of the memorial.

1 (i) POWERS.—The Commission may—

2 (1) make such expenditures for services and
3 materials for the purpose of carrying out this section
4 as the Commission considers advisable from funds
5 appropriated or received as gifts for that purpose;

6 (2) accept gifts, including funds from the
7 Adams Memorial Foundation, to be used in carrying
8 out this section or to be used in connection with the
9 construction or other expenses of the memorial; and

10 (3) hold hearings, enter into contracts for per-
11 sonal services and otherwise, and do such other
12 things as are necessary to carry out this section.

13 (j) REPORTS.—The Commission shall—

14 (1) report the plans required by subsection (h),
15 together with recommendations, to the President
16 and the Congress at the earliest practicable date;
17 and

18 (2) in the interim, make annual reports on its
19 progress to the President and the Congress.

20 (k) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The Federal
21 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
22 to the Commission.

23 (l) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
24 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 107-62.**

2 Public Law 107-62 is amended by striking “Adams
3 Memorial Foundation” each place it occurs and inserting
4 “Adams Memorial Commission”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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