

Public Law 99-624
99th Congress

An Act

To establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the centennial of the birth of President Dwight David Eisenhower.

Nov. 7, 1986

[H.R. 4302]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that as the Nation approaches October 14, 1990, marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower, it is appropriate to establish a national commission to contribute to the commemoration of that anniversary.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established the Dwight David Eisenhower Centennial Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission").

SEC. 3. DUTIES.

The Commission shall—

- (1) in cooperation with the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute in the District of Columbia, the Eisenhower Foundation in Abilene, Kansas, and such other public or private entities as the Commission considers appropriate, encourage, plan, develop, and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the centennial of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower; and
- (2) submit recommendations to Congress relating to a joint meeting of both Houses of Congress to commemorate that centennial.

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SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be composed of—

- (1) the President pro tempore of the Senate;
- (2) the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) 6 members of the Senate appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate (of whom 3 shall be upon recommendation of the majority leader of the Senate and 3 shall be upon recommendation of the minority leader of the Senate);
- (4) 6 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (of whom 3 shall be upon recommendation of the majority leader of the House of Representatives and 3 shall be upon recommendation of the minority leader of the House of Representatives);
- (5) 6 members appointed by the President; and
- (6) the Archivist of the United States or his delegate.

A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(b) **TERMS.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), members of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(2) If any member of the Commission who was appointed as a Member of Congress or an officer in the executive branch ceases to be such a Member or officer, that individual may continue as a member of the Commission for not longer than the 30-day period beginning on the date such individual ceases to be such a Member or officer.

(c) **PAY; EXPENSES.**—(1) Members of the Commission shall serve without pay.

(2) Subject to the availability of appropriations, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including a per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons serving intermittently in Government service are allowed travel expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) **QUORUM.**—Eleven members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(e) **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.**—Members of the Commission shall select a chair and a vice chair from among its members.

(f) **MEETINGS.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Commission shall meet at the call of the chair or a majority of its members.

(2) The first meeting of the Commission shall be called by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate within 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. POWERS.

(a) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**—(1) The Commission may accept the services of an executive director and staff personnel only as provided in subsection (b)(1).

(2) Any individual providing services under paragraph (1) may be afforded travel expenses (including a per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence) subject to the same terms and conditions as apply under section 4(c)(2).

(b) **DONATIONS.**—(1) The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of money, property, or personal services.

(2)(A) Any books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, or other materials donated to the Commission which relate to the life of Dwight David Eisenhower—

(i) may be deposited for preservation in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas; or

(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), may otherwise be disposed of by the Commission in consultation with the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

(B) Materials may not be disposed of under subparagraph (A)(ii) without the consent of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library.

(c) **POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.**—Any member or agent of the Commission may, if so authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take under this Act.

(d) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

SEC. 6. REPORTS.

(a) **INTERIM REPORTS.**—The Commission shall transmit interim reports to the President and each House of Congress no later than December 31 of each year. Each such report shall include a description of the activities of the Commission during the year covered by the report, an accounting of any funds received or expended by the Commission during such year, and recommendations for any legislation or administrative action which the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—The Commission shall transmit a final report to the President and each House of Congress no later than December 31, 1990. Such report shall include an accounting of any funds received or expended, and the disposition of any other properties, not previously reported.

SEC. 7. TERMINATION.

(a) **DATE.**—The Commission shall terminate on such date as the Commission may determine, but not later than December 31, 1990.

(b) **DISPOSITION OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY.**—(1) Any funds held by the Commission on the date the Commission terminates shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(2) Any property, other than funds, held by the Commission on the date the Commission terminates shall be transferred to any department or agency of the United States authorized to accept donations of property, subject to the provisions of section 5(b)(2) (if and to the extent that such provisions apply to the property involved).

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SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000 for fiscal year 1987 to carry out this Act. Any amount so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

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Nov. 7, Presidential statement.