
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **224**

Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, STIEFEL AND RIPP,
FEBRUARY 14, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION, FEBRUARY 14, 1961.

AN ACT

Creating a temporary State commission for the promotion and celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the American Civil War prescribing the powers and duties of the commission providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in relation thereto and making an appropriation

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter ~~stricken from~~ existing law.

1 Section 1 There is hereby created a temporary State commission
2 to be known as the "Pennsylvania Civil War Centennial Commission"
3 which shall consist of such members of both Houses of the General
4 Assembly and such outstanding citizens of the Commonwealth as the
5 Governor shall designate The Governor the Chairman of the One-
6 Hundredth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's
7 Gettysburg Address Commission and the Chairman of the Pennsylvania
8 Historical and Museum Commission shall be ex-officio members The
9 members of the commission shall receive no compensation but shall be
10 reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of
11 their duties The commission hereby created shall elect from its mem-
12 bership a chairman and a vice-chairman The commission shall maintain
13 its headquarters in the offices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Mu-
14 seum Commission in the State Capitol

15 Section 2 The One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Battle of Get-
16 tysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Commission and the Penn-
17 sylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall cooperate with the
18 Pennsylvania Civil War Centennial Commission and the said Pennsyl-
19 vania Civil War Centennial Commission shall cooperate with the Na-
20 tional Civil War Centennial Commission the Congress of the United

1 States the Legislatures of other states and similar commissions created
2 by other states in promoting sponsoring and coordinating celebrations
3 of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Civil War and notable events
4 of the Civil War period The commission shall be advisory to the Penn-
5 sylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the work of making the
6 centennial commemoration of Pennsylvania's part in the Civil War a
7 thorough and complete record telling the full story of this significant
8 epoch in Pennsylvania's historic heritage

9 Section 3 The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
10 in order that the advice of the Pennsylvania Civil War Centennial
11 Commission may be effectively carried out is specifically authorized and
12 directed to participate in the commemoration and may exercise any of
13 the powers and duties conferred by The Administrative Code of 1929
14 for the purpose of planning a suitable commemoration of the one-
15 hundredth anniversary of the Civil War in cooperation with the Penn-
16 sylvania Civil War Centennial Commission by preparing and planning
17 one or more historical publications relating to the history of Pennsyl-
18 vania and Pennsylvanians in their struggle to preserve the Union and
19 is further authorized and directed to collect source materials docu-
20 ments memoirs pictorial and photographic material and military records.

1 pertaining to Pennsylvania's part in the Civil War as well as such other
2 collections as may be required for the preparation of the said historical
3 publications covering all the aspects of this momentous era in the history
4 of Pennsylvania The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
5 is further authorized to employ professional historians as consultants in
6 planning and gathering materials for the publications herein mentioned

7 Section 4 The Pennsylvania Civil War Centennial Commission and
8 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall make a
9 preliminary report on the full plans for the commemoration to the
10 current General Assembly as soon as possible

11 Section 5 The existence of the commission hereby created shall
12 continue for the duration of the 1961 to 1965 commemoration of the
13 one-hundredth anniversary of the American Civil War

14 Section 6 The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or as much
15 thereof as is necessary is appropriated to the Pennsylvania Civil War
16 Centennial Commission to pay the expenses of the commission and its
17 members in carrying into effect the provisions of this act Payment from
18 the appropriation shall be made on requisition of the chairman of the
19 commission in the manner provided by law

20 Section 7 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved Theday of A. D. 1961.

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Governor