

SENATE BILL No. 670

December 15, 2015, Introduced by Senators WARREN, SCHUITMAKER, PROOS, BOOHER, MARLEAU, KNEZEK, GREGORY and HERTEL and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to create a commission to commemorate the centennial of World War I; to prescribe the powers and duties of the commission; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "World
2 War I centennial commission act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Commission" means the World War I centennial commission
5 created in section 3.

6 (b) "Department" means the department of military and veterans
7 affairs.

8 (c) "Veteran" means that term as it is defined in section 1 of

1 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

2 Sec. 3. (1) The World War I centennial commission is created
3 within the department.

4 (2) The commission shall consist of the director of the
5 department and 13 members, appointed by the governor with the
6 advice and consent of the senate.

7 (3) The members first appointed to the commission shall be
8 appointed within 90 days after the effective date of this act.

9 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the governor shall
10 make an appointment in the same manner as the original appointment.

11 (5) The governor may remove a member of the commission for
12 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
13 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

14 (6) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the
15 director of the department. At the first meeting, the commission
16 shall elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers
17 as it considers necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting,
18 the commission shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at
19 the call of the chairperson or if requested by 7 or more members.

20 (7) A majority of the members of the commission constitute a
21 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the
22 commission. A majority of the members present and serving are
23 required for official action of the commission.

24 (8) The business that the commission may perform shall be
25 conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance
26 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

27 (9) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or

1 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
2 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,
3 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

4 (10) Members of the commission shall serve without
5 compensation. However, members of the commission may be reimbursed
6 for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance
7 of their official duties as members of the commission.

8 Sec. 4. The commission shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and
10 activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I.

11 (b) Encourage private organizations and state and local
12 governments to organize and participate in activities organized by
13 the commission.

14 (c) Facilitate and coordinate World War I centennial
15 activities throughout this state.

16 (d) Serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and
17 dissemination of information about World War I centennial events
18 and plans.

19 (e) Develop recommendations on ways to commemorate the World
20 War I centennial in this state and provide a report on these
21 recommendations to the director, the governor, and the legislature.

22 Sec. 5. The department shall assist the commission in carrying
23 out its duties under this act.

24 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
25 date it is enacted into law.