COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 2018

**S. 796**

Introduced by Senator Sheheen

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Read the first time January 9, 2018.

**THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (S. 796)

to provide for the observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina and to establish the American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission of South Carolina., etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 41 through 42 and inserting:

/ (a) the Governor, ex officio, or his designee;

(b) the Lieutenant Governor, ex officio, or his designee; /

Amend the joint resolution further, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered new SECTION to read:

/SECTION \_\_. The South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission may develop or adopt appropriate branding in order to promote its efforts to the public. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

TOM YOUNG, JR. for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 9, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill would create a South Carolina Sestercentennial Commission, to provide for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in South Carolina. The commission would consist of thirteen persons. Members of the commission will be compensated for their expenses, the total amount not to exceed $15,000 per year for the entire commission. The bill outlines that working staff will consist of the staffs of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) and the Department of Archives and History (DAH), and that any persons hired or any funds appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the policies and programs of the commission will be placed in one of the two departments.

Since this bill is permissive and provides discretion to both DAH and PRT in determining the number of new staff hired and the cost and location of their work spaces, this fiscal impact statement examines two staffing options for this commission. Each option outlined yields a different expenditure estimate using the assumption that each department will be solely responsible for the activities of the commission.

**Option 1- Department of Archives and History (DAH).** In the event that DAH is the sole entity responsible for the planning and execution of a proper observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina, the agency indicates that general fund expenses will total $62,037. Of this total, expenditures of $60,037 for salary and benefits for one Administrative Specialist and $2,000 per year for space, equipment, and supplies would begin in FY 2018-19. Other new duties, such as the management of commission funds, will be managed within existing appropriations.

**Option 2- Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT).**  If PRT is the sole department responsible for the planning and execution of a proper observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina, the department anticipates that new duties will be managed by existing staff. In this case, the bill does not have an impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

**House of Representatives and Senate.** This resolution creates a commission that consists of thirteen persons. Three persons will be from the House of Representatives and three will be from the Senate. Each member will receive per diem of $35, subsistence of $195.53, and mileage for each meeting on non-session days, totaling $1,383.18 per meeting on non-session days, plus mileage. These expenses will be managed within the budgets of the appointees’ respective legislative bodies. Additionally, the staffing for this committee will be provided by the General Assembly and will be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.  Therefore, the bill does not have an expenditure impact on the general fund, other funds, or federal funds for the Senate or the House of Representatives.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SESTERCENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ESTABLISH THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission, which shall have the authority and responsibility to plan and execute, insofar as authorized and funded by the General Assembly, a proper observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina, and in cooperation with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust; a national organization, if any; and other similar commemorative organizations in other states.

SECTION 2. The working staff of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission shall consist of the staffs of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Archives and History insofar as is needful, and any persons hired or any funds appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the policies and programs of the American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission shall be placed in one of these two departments.

SECTION 3. Membership of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission shall consist of thirteen persons as follows:

(a) the Governor, ex officio;

(b) the Lieutenant Governor, ex officio;

(c) the Chairman of the Archives and History Commission, ex officio;

(d) the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, ex officio;

(e) three members to be appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership of the Senate;

(f) three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of the House of Representatives; and

(g) three members to be appointed by the Governor who shall serve initial terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, and whose successors shall serve for terms of four years.

SECTION 4. The chairman shall be appointed by the Governor from the membership, and the chairman shall serve in that capacity coterminously with the Governor insofar as is possible. The vice-chairman shall be elected by the commission from its membership. The Executive Secretary of the South Carolina American Sestercentennial Commission shall be the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, ex officio; the deputy executive secretary shall be the Chairman of the Archives and History Commission, ex officio.

SECTION 5. Members of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission shall be compensated for their expenses in accordance with law, the total amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars per year for the entire commission.

SECTION 6. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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