

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1014

AN ACT

To establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Route 66 Centennial
3 Commission Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Route 66 was the first all-weather highway
7 in the United States connecting the Midwest to Cali-
8 fornia, and has played a major role in the history of
9 the United States;

10 (2) Route 66 has become a symbol of the herit-
11 age of travel and the legacy of seeking a better life
12 shared by the people of the United States, and has
13 been enshrined in the popular culture of the United
14 States; and

15 (3) the year 2026 will be the centennial anni-
16 versary of Route 66, and a commission should be es-
17 tablished to study and recommend in a report to
18 Congress activities that are fitting and proper to cel-
19 ebrate that anniversary in a manner that appro-
20 priately honors the Mother Road of the United
21 States.

22 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

23 There is established a commission to be known as the
24 “Route 66 Centennial Commission” (referred to in this
25 Act as the “Commission”).

1 **SEC. 4. DUTIES.**

2 The Commission shall—

3 (1) study activities that may be carried out by
4 the Federal Government to determine whether the
5 activities are fitting and proper to honor Route 66
6 on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of
7 Route 66, including activities such as—

8 (A) the issuance of commemorative coins,
9 medals, certificates of recognition, and postage
10 stamps;

11 (B) ceremonies and celebrations commemo-
12 rating specific events; and

13 (C) the production, publication, and dis-
14 tribution of books, pamphlets, films, electronic
15 publications, and other educational materials;
16 and

17 (2) recommend to Congress—

18 (A) the activities that the Commission con-
19 siders most fitting and proper to honor Route
20 66 on the occasion described in paragraph (1);
21 and

22 (B) 1 or more entities in the Federal Gov-
23 ernment that the Commission considers most
24 appropriate to carry out those activities.

1 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission
3 shall be composed of 15 members appointed as follows:

4 (1) 3 members, each of whom shall be an eligi-
5 ble individual described in subsection (b), appointed
6 by the President based on the recommendation of
7 the Secretary of Transportation.

8 (2) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
9 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
10 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
11 ernor of Illinois.

12 (3) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
13 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
14 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
15 ernor of Missouri.

16 (4) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
17 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
18 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
19 ernor of Kansas.

20 (5) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
21 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
22 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
23 ernor of Oklahoma.

24 (6) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
25 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the

1 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
2 ernor of Texas.

3 (7) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
4 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
5 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
6 ernor of New Mexico.

7 (8) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
8 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
9 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
10 ernor of Arizona.

11 (9) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
12 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
13 President based on the recommendation of the Gov-
14 ernor of California.

15 (10) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
16 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
17 President based on the recommendation of the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (11) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
20 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
21 President based on the recommendation of the Mi-
22 nority Leader of the House of Representatives.

23 (12) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
24 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the

1 President based on the recommendation of the Ma-
2 jority Leader of the Senate.

3 (13) 1 member, who shall be an eligible indi-
4 vidual described in subsection (b), appointed by the
5 President based on the recommendation of the Mi-
6 nority Leader of the Senate.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—An eligible individual
8 referred to in subsection (a) is an individual with—

9 (1) a demonstrated dedication to educating oth-
10 ers about the importance of historical figures and
11 events; and

12 (2) substantial knowledge and appreciation of
13 Route 66.

14 (c) TIME OF APPOINTMENT.—Each initial appoint-
15 ment of a member of the Commission shall be made before
16 the expiration of the 120-day period beginning on the date
17 of enactment of this Act.

18 (d) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
19 life of the Commission.

20 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall
21 not affect the powers of the Commission but shall be filled
22 in the manner in which the original appointment was
23 made.

24 (f) BASIC PAY.—Members shall serve on the Commis-
25 sion without pay.

1 (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive
2 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence,
3 in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5,
4 United States Code.

5 (h) QUORUM.—7 members of the Commission shall
6 constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hear-
7 ings.

8 (i) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The Commission shall
9 select a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members
10 of the Commission.

11 (j) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
12 call of the Chair.

13 **SEC. 6. DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**

14 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission may appoint and
15 fix the pay of a Director and such additional personnel
16 as the Commission considers to be appropriate.

17 (b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
18 LAWS.—

19 (1) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the Commis-
20 sion shall—

21 (A) be appointed without regard to the
22 provisions of title 5, United States Code, gov-
23 erning appointments in the competitive service;
24 and

1 (B) be paid without regard to the provi-
2 sions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
3 ter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating
4 to classification and General Schedule pay
5 rates, except that the rate of pay for the Direc-
6 tor may not exceed the rate payable for level IV
7 of the Executive Schedule under section 5315
8 of that title.

9 (2) STAFF.—The staff of the Commission
10 shall—

11 (A) be appointed without regard to the
12 provisions of title 5, United States Code, gov-
13 erning appointments in the competitive service;
14 and

15 (B) be paid without regard to the provi-
16 sions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
17 ter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating
18 to classification and General Schedule pay
19 rates.

20 (c) SOURCE OF COMPENSATION.—In accordance with
21 section 10—

22 (1) no Federal funds may be expended to com-
23 pensate a Director or staff member of the Commis-
24 sion under this section; and

1 (2) any compensation paid to a Director or any
2 staff of the Commission appointed under this section
3 shall be derived solely from donated funds.

4 **SEC. 7. POWERS.**

5 (a) **HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.**—The Commission
6 may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and
7 places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as
8 the Commission considers to be appropriate to carry out
9 this Act.

10 (b) **POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.**—Any mem-
11 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the
12 Commission, take any action that the Commission is au-
13 thorized to take under this Act.

14 (c) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United
15 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
16 ditions as other Federal departments and agencies.

17 (d) **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.**—

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—On the request of the Com-
19 mission, the Administrator of General Services shall
20 provide to the Commission, on a reimbursable basis,
21 the administrative support services necessary for the
22 Commission to carry out this Act.

23 (2) **DETAILEES.**—

24 (A) **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—At the request of
2 the Commission, the head of any Federal
3 agency or department may detail to the
4 Commission, on a reimbursable or nonre-
5 imburseable basis, any employee of the
6 agency or department.

7 (ii) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The de-
8 tail of an employee under clause (i) shall
9 be without interruption or loss of civil serv-
10 ice status or privilege.

11 (iii) NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSA-
12 TION.—A Federal employee who is detailed
13 to the Commission under this subpara-
14 graph may not receive any additional pay,
15 allowances, benefits, or other compensation
16 by reason of the detail of the employee to
17 the Commission or any services performed
18 by the employee for the Commission.

19 (B) STATE EMPLOYEES.—The Commission
20 may—

21 (i) accept the services of personnel de-
22 tailed from a State; and

23 (ii) reimburse the State for the serv-
24 ices of the detailed personnel.

1 (e) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—
2 Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States
3 Code, the Commission may accept and use such voluntary
4 and uncompensated services as the Commission deter-
5 mines to be necessary.

6 (f) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use, and
7 dispose of gifts, grants, bequests, or devises of money,
8 services, or property from any public or private source for
9 the purpose of covering the costs incurred by the Commis-
10 sion in carrying out this Act.

11 **SEC. 8. REPORTS.**

12 (a) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may sub-
13 mit to Congress such interim reports as the Commission
14 considers to be appropriate.

15 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
16 date on which all members of the Commission are ap-
17 pointed, the Commission shall submit to Congress a final
18 report containing—

19 (1) a detailed statement of the findings and
20 conclusions of the Commission;

21 (2) the recommendations of the Commission;
22 and

23 (3) any other information that the Commission
24 considers to be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION.**

2 The Commission shall terminate on December 31,
3 2026.

4 **SEC. 10. EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSION.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—All expenditures of the Commis-
6 sion, including any reimbursement required under this
7 Act, shall be made solely from donated funds.

8 (b) **NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**—No ad-
9 ditional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry
10 out this Act.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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