

1 strives to increase engagement in community and government and to foster unity between
2 the "many" Americans and "one" nation; and

3 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana can pay tribute to our nation's most foundational
4 values by joining in the celebration of the United States of America's two hundred fiftieth
5 anniversary.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 create the America 250 Louisiana State Commission to work jointly with the federal
8 America250 commission to help plan and coordinate the celebration of the semiquin-
9 centennial anniversary of the United States of America.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission created by this Concurrent
11 Resolution is the successor to the commission created by House Concurrent Resolution
12 No. 96 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature and House Concurrent Resolution
13 No. 50 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, which is continued in effect except
14 as modified by this Concurrent Resolution.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall advise the lieutenant
16 governor of its activities regarding the semiquincentennial anniversary and that the
17 lieutenant governor shall provide staff and other organizational support to the commission.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall be composed of any
19 members of the federal commission residing in the state of Louisiana as well as the
20 following members:

21 (1) The governor, or his designee.

22 (2) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs shall appoint
23 one member.

24 (3) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.

25 (4) The lieutenant governor shall appoint three members.

26 (5) The assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and
27 Tourism, office of tourism, shall appoint one member.

28 (6) The assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and
29 Tourism, office of cultural development, shall appoint one member.

1 (7) The assistant secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism,
2 office of state museums, shall appoint one member.

3 (8) The secretary of state, or his designee.

4 (9) The state archivist shall appoint one member.

5 (10) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall appoint one
6 member.

7 (11) The commissioner of higher education shall appoint one member.

8 (12) The president of the Louisiana Historical Association shall appoint one
9 member.

10 (13) The president of the Louisiana Association of Museums shall appoint one
11 member.

12 (14) The governor of the Order of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez shall appoint
13 one member.

14 (15) The president of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities shall appoint one
15 member.

16 (16) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members.

17 (17) The president of the Senate shall appoint two members.

18 (18) The state superintendent of education shall appoint one member.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall be funded through
20 donations and state and federal funds and the commission may accept donations and such
21 funds to accomplish its purposes.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission is abolished on July 4, 2027.

DIGEST

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Creates the America 250 La. State Commission to work jointly with the federal America250 commission to help plan and coordinate the celebration of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the United States of America. Resolves that the commission is the successor to the commission created by HCR No. 96 of the 2022 R.S. and HCR No. 50 of the 2023 R.S.