

CHAPTER 164**(HB 737)**

AN ACT relating to the establishment of a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark expedition officially began its voyage down the Ohio River near Louisville toward St. Louis, Missouri, on October 26, 1803, and the Falls of the Ohio River has been recognized by the National Park Service as an official part of the Lewis and Clark expedition trail.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. (1) The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission is hereby established and attached to the Kentucky Historical Society for administrative purposes only.

- (2) As used in this section, "bicentennial" refers to the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- (3) As used in this section, "commission" refers to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission established in subsection (3) of this section.
- (4) The commission shall consist of the following nineteen (19) members:
 - (a) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (b) Two (2) members of the State Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (c) The Secretary of the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet or his or her designee;
 - (d) Two (2) members from the Tourism Development Cabinet;
 - (e) One (1) member from the Kentucky Historical Society, appointed by the head of that agency;
 - (f) One (1) member from the Kentucky Heritage Council, appointed by the head of that agency;
 - (g) One (1) member from the Kentucky Humanities Council, appointed by the head of that agency;
 - (h) One (1) member from the Native American Commission, appointed by the head of that agency;
 - (i) One (1) member from the Kentucky African-American Commission, appointed by the head of that agency;
 - (j) One (1) member from the Falls of Ohio Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee, appointed by the president of that committee; and
 - (k) Six (6) citizen members, one of whom shall be designated as the chairman and appointed by the Governor.
- (5) The commission shall:
 - (a) Educate Kentucky residents and the nation about Kentucky's important role in the Lewis and Clark expedition;

- (b) Assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects;
 - (c) Coordinate federal, state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities occurring in Kentucky;
 - (d) Act as a point of contact for national bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events;
 - (e) Plan and implement appropriate events to commemorate the bicentennial;
 - (f) Seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities; and
 - (g) Perform other duties necessary to highlight Kentucky's role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- (6) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 1, 2008.

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