

**CHAPTER 43****(HB 337)**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Capitol centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, in 1905, Governor John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham called for an extraordinary session of Kentucky's General Assembly to address the need for a new Capitol, due to overcrowding and disrepair in the Old Capitol building, built in 1827; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's New State Capitol, designed by Frank Mills Andrews in the Beaux Arts style, was constructed and furnished at a cost of \$1,820,000; and

WHEREAS, during the term of Kentucky Governor Augustus Everett Willson, the building was completed and, beginning with the boom of cannons on Arsenal Hill at noon on June 2, 1910, nearly 10,000 of Kentucky's sons and daughters gathered from all parts of the state and dedicated to the use of the Commonwealth, a new Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's Capitol campus is one of America's few state Capitol grounds designed by the Olmsted Brothers, a premier landscape architecture firm started by Frederick Law Olmsted, considered as America's landscape architecture founder; and

WHEREAS Kentucky's Capitol, considered to be one of the most beautiful Capitol buildings in the United States, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to plan and conduct appropriate tributes, celebrations, programs, and activities to recognize the important role that Kentucky's Capitol has played during its 100 years and to coordinate the many organizations, agencies, businesses, and individuals interested in recognizing the historic importance of the building which symbolizes Kentucky's government;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

***There is hereby created the Kentucky Capitol Centennial Commission, which shall be attached to the Division of Historic Properties for administrative purposes. The commission shall be composed of twenty-three (23) members, as follows:***

- (1) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;***
- (2) Two (2) members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;***
- (3) The First Lady of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or her designee;***
- (4) The secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet or his or her designee;***
- (5) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, or his or her designee;***
- (6) The commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives;***
- (7) The director and state curator of the Division of Historic Properties;***
- (8) The chairperson of the Historic Properties Advisory Commission;***
- (9) The executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council;***
- (10) The chairperson of the Kentucky Heritage Council;***
- (11) The executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Council;***
- (12) The executive director of the Kentucky Historical Society;***
- (13) The president of the Kentucky Historical Society;***
- (14) A representative of Kentucky State University, appointed by the president of the university;***
- (15) The judge/executive of Franklin County;***
- (16) The mayor of the city of Frankfort;***

- (17) *The executive director of the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce;*
- (18) *The executive director of the Frankfort/Franklin County Tourism Commission; and*
- (19) *Three (3) citizen members, one (1) of whom shall be less than thirty-five (35) years of age, from the state at large, with a demonstrated interest in Kentucky's history and substantial knowledge and appreciation of the new Capitol building, appointed by the Governor.*

*The chair of the commission shall be elected by the members from the membership of the commission.*

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*The Kentucky Capitol Centennial Commission shall:*

- (1) *Study and recommend activities that may be conducted throughout the Commonwealth to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kentucky's Capitol;*
- (2) *Educate Kentucky's citizens and the nation about Kentucky's Capitol;*
- (3) *Assist area development districts, local governments, school systems, businesses, organizations, and individuals with planning and preparation of events and projects to educate Kentuckians in all regions of the state about the significance of Kentucky's Capitol;*
- (4) *Serve as the coordinating point for information about the various state, regional, and local activities occurring in Kentucky to celebrate the Capitol's centennial anniversary;*
- (5) *Plan and implement the Capitol's centennial anniversary celebration;*
- (6) *Recommend temporary or permanent improvements to the Capitol grounds to make them more amenable to activities associated with the centennial anniversary;*
- (7) *Perform other duties necessary to highlight the role of Kentucky's Capitol in the Commonwealth's history and for decades to come; and*
- (8) *Seek grants and philanthropic support for activities celebrating the centennial anniversary of Kentucky's Capitol.*

➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*The Kentucky Capitol Centennial Commission shall expire on June 10, 2011.*

**Signed by the Governor March 20, 2009.**