

**148.585 Harrodsburg Sestercentennial Commission -- Duties -- Membership.  
(Repealed - Effective until January 1, 2027) (Effective until January 1, 2027)**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Commission" means the Harrodsburg Sestercentennial Commission established in subsection (2) of this section; and
  - (b) "Sestercentennial" means the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Harrodsburg on June 16, 1774.
- (2) The Harrodsburg Sestercentennial Commission is hereby established to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate events and other activities related to the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of Harrodsburg in 2024. To accomplish its charge, the commission shall:
  - (a) Ensure that adequate way-finding signage and mapping is accomplished to mark and identify Old Fort Harrod State Park;
  - (b) Educate citizens of the Commonwealth and the nation about the stories of pioneers and Native Americans in the early days of westward settlement and the impact Harrodsburg and settlements of its nature had on Kentucky and American history;
  - (c) Plan and implement events for a year-long sestercentennial commemoration in the year 2024 of the founding of Harrodsburg and whatever events in the immediately preceding and following years are deemed appropriate by the commission, including any battlefield commemorations if funds are available;
  - (d) Assist local governments and their representatives with planning, preparation, and grant applications for sestercentennial events and projects;
  - (e) Coordinate federal, state, local, and nonprofit organizations' sestercentennial activities occurring in Kentucky;
  - (f) Coordinate events and activities with parties, commissions, and organizations wishing to participate in the 2024 commemoration;
  - (g) Act as a point of contact for national organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events related to the settlement of Harrodsburg and sestercentennial activities;
  - (h) Seek funding sources such as foundations, line item appropriations, federal grants, philanthropic organizations, and lineage societies;
  - (i) Create press, print, and electronic contacts that generate stories on a continual basis;
  - (j) Encourage and contract new publications and create a call for papers on Harrodsburg, Fort Harrod, James Harrod, or other participating or involved parties, and how the history of this early frontier settlement impacted American history;
  - (k) Organize symposiums and other methodologies to investigate genealogy relative to Harrodsburg;
  - (l) Create higher and lower educational programs;
  - (m) Perform other duties necessary to educate Kentuckians on the history of

Harrodsburg and early frontier settlements and on the Commonwealth's role in early westward expansion;

- (n) Evaluate the existing infrastructure of Old Fort Harrod State Park, provide recommendations for what infrastructure should be in place for the successful undertaking of appropriate events and activities in accordance with this section, and coordinate with state and local bodies to make necessary infrastructure improvements; and
  - (o) Coordinate planning for the sestercentennial with the nonprofit organization Harrodsburg 250th, Inc., this organization having been established by the local governments of Harrodsburg and Mercer County to serve as the point of contact for local planning for the sestercentennial.
- (3) The commission shall consist of the following eleven (11) members:
- (a) The secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet or his or her designee;
  - (b) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet or his or her designee;
  - (c) Two (2) members from the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, appointed by the secretary of the cabinet;
  - (d) One (1) member from the Kentucky Heritage Council, appointed by the state historic preservation officer;
  - (e) One (1) member of the Kentucky Humanities Council, appointed by the chair of the council;
  - (f) One (1) member of Harrodsburg 250th, Inc., recommended by the chair of that organization and appointed by the Governor;
  - (g) One (1) member of the Friends of Fort Harrod, recommended by the leader of that organization and appointed by the Governor; and
  - (h) Three (3) citizen members appointed by the Governor, one (1) of whom shall be designated as the chair.
- (4) The Harrodsburg Sestercentennial Commission shall be attached to the Kentucky Historical Society for administrative purposes only.
- (5) This section shall expire on January 1, 2027.

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