

House Bill 190

By: Representatives Murphy of the 18th, Walker of the 141st, Coleman of the 142nd, Buck of the 135th, Cummings of the 27th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of State, so as to create the Commission for
3 the Celebration of 250 Years of Representative Government in Georgia; to provide for the
4 membership of the commission and the powers and duties of the commission and the
5 Secretary of State; to provide for expenses; to provide for matters relating to the celebration
6 of 250 years of representative government in Georgia; to provide an effective date; to provide
7 for abolition of the commission; to provide for the repeal of the laws relating to such
8 commission and the powers and duties of the commission and the powers and duties of the
9 Secretary of State connected with such celebration; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
14 powers and duties of the Secretary of State, is amended by adding at the end of said article
15 a new Code Section 45-13-29 to read as follows:

16 "45-13-29.

17 (a) There is created the Commission for the Celebration of 250 Years of Representative
18 Government in Georgia. The commission is created for the purpose of ensuring a proper
19 recognition of 250 years of representative government in this state. The commission shall
20 be composed of the Secretary of State, who shall serve as chairperson, and such additional
21 members as shall be appointed by the Secretary of State. In appointing members of the
22 commission, the Secretary of State shall include representatives of the Georgia Humanities
23 Council, the Georgia Historical Society, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and other
24 organizations, governmental bodies, and entities having an interest in the history and
25 function of representative government in Georgia.

1 (b) The commission shall carry out the plans recommended by the Committee for the
2 Celebration of 250 Years of Representative Government in Georgia, created pursuant to
3 a resolution approved May 1, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 1892), coordinate appropriate
4 measures, activities, and observances to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the
5 establishment of elected representative government in Georgia, and recommend any actions
6 or legislation which the commission deems appropriate. The commission is authorized to
7 adopt a logo or mark and authorize its use in connection with events, projects, advertising,
8 public service announcements, educational materials, and other appropriate uses. The
9 commission is authorized to encourage, assist, and coordinate the activities of the
10 departments, agencies, and educational institutions of this state and associations, societies,
11 business entities, groups, and individuals to ensure an appropriate celebration of this
12 anniversary and to provide coordination, advice, and encouragement to local governments
13 and school systems in recognizing this anniversary. The commission shall promote and
14 assist in the publicizing of the events surrounding the establishment of representative
15 government in Georgia. The commission is authorized to enter into contracts with state
16 and local governments, school systems, institutions of higher education, and private parties
17 in connection with the powers and duties of the commission. The commission and the
18 Secretary of State are authorized to accept gifts, grants, and appropriations from any
19 source, public or private, and to use the proceeds therefrom for the purposes of the
20 commission. Any funds of the commission remaining unexpended on January 8, 2002,
21 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

22 (c) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may
23 deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
24 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section.

25 (d) The members of the commission who are not otherwise employees or officials of the
26 state are authorized to receive the daily expense allowance authorized by subsection (b) of
27 Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for each day actually
28 spent in attending meetings of the commission. The funds necessary to carry out the
29 provisions of this Code section shall come from the funds appropriated or otherwise
30 available to the commission or the Secretary of State for such purpose.

31 (e) The commission created by this Code section shall stand abolished on January 8, 2002.
32 This Code section shall be repealed on January 8, 2002."

33 SECTION 2.

34 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
35 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.