

Senate Bill 90

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,
2 so as to create the Georgia Commission on African American History and Culture; to provide
3 for duties and objectives; to provide for membership and terms of office; to provide for
4 reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
8 by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

9 "CHAPTER 41

10 50-41-1.

11 (a) There is created the Georgia Commission on African American History and Culture
12 (GCAAHC).

13 (b) The GCAAHC shall discover, document, preserve, collect, and promote Georgia's
14 African American heritage with a primary focus on educating the citizens of this state
15 about the significance of the African American experience in Georgia.

16 (c)(1) The primary objectives of the GCAAHC shall be to:

17 (A) Cultivate, present, interpret, and promote the history and culture of African
18 Americans in the State of Georgia through museum collections, exhibitions,
19 commemorations, educational programs, publications, research, and public
20 participation;

21 (B) Serve as a clearinghouse and authenticator for information and insights about
22 African Americans in Georgia and the nation through collaboration with other public,
23 educational, corporate, and Georgia based institutions on strategies for promoting
24 African American history and culture;

25 (C) Discover, preserve, collect, and catalog African American historical materials and
26 artifacts and establish, manage, approve, and coordinate museums and other appropriate
27 facilities for the promotion of African American history and culture; and

28 (D) Disseminate and integrate African American historical and cultural materials into
29 the mainstream of Georgia life and education as a method of fostering constructive
30 social change through better racial understanding.

31 (2) The GCAAHC shall provide technical assistance to institutions and groups with
32 similar objectives.

33 50-41-2.

34 (a) The Georgia Commission on African American History and Culture shall be composed
35 of 20 members.

36 (b) Said members shall be appointed as follows:

37 (1) On or before August 1, 2021:

38 (A) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, one member shall be appointed
39 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the
40 President of the Senate, and one member shall be appointed by the Georgia Legislative
41 Black Caucus to each serve a one-year term;

42 (B) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, one member shall be appointed
43 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the
44 President of the Senate, and one member shall be appointed by the Georgia Legislative
45 Black Caucus to each serve a two-year term;

46 (C) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, one member shall be appointed
47 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the
48 President of the Senate, and one member shall be appointed by the Georgia Legislative
49 Black Caucus to each serve a three-year term; and

50 (D) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, one member shall be appointed
51 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the
52 President of the Senate, and one member shall be appointed by the Georgia Legislative
53 Black Caucus to each serve a four-year term; and

54 (2) Upon the expiration of the individual terms provided for in paragraph (1) of this
55 subsection and upon any term expiring thereafter, the respective appointing authorities
56 shall appoint successors who shall each serve four-year terms.

57 50-41-3.

58 (a) The Governor shall designate one of the members appointed pursuant to Code Section
59 50-41-2 to serve as the chairperson of the GCAAHC at the Governor's pleasure.

60 (b) The chairperson shall call all meetings of the GCAAHC.

61 (c) A vice chairperson shall be selected by a majority of sitting members of the GCAAHC.

62 (d) The GCAAHC shall meet on a quarterly basis at different locations within this state,
63 particularly in rural areas of this state, interacting with local government officials,

64 educational leaders, healthcare providers, business leaders, civic groups, and all other
65 citizens who desire to offer input, so as to enable the GCAAHC to exercise fully and
66 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of
67 this Code section.

68 (e) Members of the GCAAHC shall serve at no expense to the State of Georgia.

69 50-41-4.

70 On or before December 31, 2022, the GCAAHC shall issue a comprehensive report of
71 recommendations for the establishment of the Museum of Georgia African American
72 History and Culture. Such report shall include information on the proposed location of the
73 facility and a comprehensive plan for the implementation of fundraising efforts for
74 construction and for ongoing support of the facility thereafter."

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SECTION 2.

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