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S. 153.

An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. VERMONT 250TH COMMISSION

(a) Creation. There is created the Vermont 250th Commission.

(b) Membership. The Commission shall be composed of the following members:

(1) one person from each of the counties of Addison, Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor, appointed by the Governor from a name or names that each county's legislative delegation shall submit;

(2) one member of the Senate, not from any of the counties listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(3) one member of the House, not from any of the counties listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or designee;

(5) the State Curator or designee;

(6) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

(7) one person, appointed by the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs;

(8) one person who is the author of published Vermont history books, appointed by the Governor; and

(9) one person, appointed by the Governor.

(c) Powers and duties. The Commission shall plan and sponsor events in advance of and in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the State of Vermont and that also look to the future of the State. The Commission shall coordinate with the Agency of Education, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Department of Tourism and Marketing, and with other State agencies and departments; with federal agencies and departments; with the municipalities of the State; and with national and local public and private sector organizations in this and other states for assistance and support in planning and conducting commemorative semiquicentennial activities.

(d) Meetings

(1) The Historic Preservation Officer or designee shall call the first meeting of the Commission to occur on or before September 1, 2020.

(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) A member attending remotely shall count toward the quorum and cast a vote.

(5) The Commission shall not be limited to a specific number of meetings. However, it shall not incur expenses in excess of its appropriated funds.

(6) The Commission shall cease to exist on December 31, 2027.

(e) Compensation and reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the Commission serving in his or her capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Commission.

(2) Other members of the Commission shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Commission.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Craig Bolio of Winooski – Commissioner, Department of Taxes – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (01/21/20)

Michael Schirling of Burlington – Commissioner, Department of Public Safety – Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Transportation. (01/29/20)

Sabina Brochu of Williston - Member, State Board of Education - By Sen. Ingram for the Committee on Education. (01/24/20)

Kyle Courtois of Georgia - Member, State Board of Education - By Sen. Perchlik for the Committee on Education. (01/24/20)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Joint Community-Based Public Hearings on Fiscal Year 2021 State Budget

House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

Monday, February 10, 2020 – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the Governor’s Recommended FY 2021 State Budget and will hold community-based public hearings on **Monday, February 10, 2020**, at the following locations:

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Barre City: Downstreet Housing and Community Development, 22 Keith Ave, Suite 100

Dorset: Dorset Town Office, 112 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset

Morrisville: People’s Academy High School, Auditorium, top of Copley Avenue

Rutland City: Rutland Public Schools, Longfellow School Building, Board Room

St. Johnsbury: St. Johnsbury House, main dining room, 1207 Main St.

St. Albans City: St. Albans City School, Library, 29 Bellows Street

Winooski: Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), 10 East Allen Street (follow the signs when entering the building)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bennington: Bennington College, Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA), One College Drive

Springfield: Springfield Town Hall, 96 Main Street, 3rd floor Conference Room (Selectmen’s Hall)

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor’s recommended State budget at the above date and times. Anyone interested in testifying should come to one of the hearings. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants. If you have a story you would like to share privately with the committee members, please contact Theresa to schedule this at the end of one of the hearings. To view the Governor’s FY 2021

recommended budget, go to the Department of Finance and Management's website.

For more information about the format of these events, contact Theresa Utton-Jerman or Rebecca Buck at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or rbuck@leg.state.vt.us, or call 802-828-5767 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616. Written testimony can be submitted electronically to Theresa or Rebecca through e-mail or mailed to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05633.

February 18, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - House Chamber - Re: H. 610 Firearms and Domestic Violence - House Committee on Judiciary.

JFO NOTICE

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

JFO #2993 – \$180,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Funds will be used to perform lead testing on drinking water sources in all schools in the state.

[JFO received 01/31/20]

JFO #2994 – \$72,623 from the National Young Farmers Coalition to the VT Dept. of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. Funds will be used towards building a network of legal, financial and behavioral resources for the Vermont farming community. *One (1) limited-service position has been requested in conjunction with this grant.*

[JFO received 01/31/20]

JFO #2995 – \$10,000 from the U.S. Forest Service to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Funds will be used to perform water quality monitoring activities on federal land.

[JFO received 01/31/20]

JFO #2996 – \$749,519 from the U.S. Dept. of Justice to the VT Dept. of States Attorneys and Sheriffs. Funds will be used to support and enhance the State's response to domestic violence in Windham and Bennington Counties.

[JFO received 01/31/20]