

## Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Highlights

- The Secretary of State could incur some small additional costs for providing staff support and making facilities and equipment available to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.
- The bill also creates the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund, consisting of money appropriated to it and donations to pay for planning and hosting events honoring the women's suffrage movement. It is possible that this fund could be used to cover some of the Secretary of State's costs noted above.

## **Detailed Analysis**

The Secretary of State could incur some small additional costs for providing staff support, facilities, and equipment to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission as required by the bill. The Commission (of at least seven members) would be responsible for arranging events honoring the women's suffrage movement and raising awareness about the 19th amendment during 2019 and 2020. Members would serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

The bill also creates the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund for the Commission to use in carrying out its duties, including planning and hosting events related to women's suffrage. The fund would consist of any moneys appropriated or donated to it and any earned interest. It is possible that a portion of this money could be used to offset costs for staff support that would otherwise be borne by the Secretary of State. Finally, the bill terminates the Commission on December 31, 2020, at which point any unencumbered, unobligated balance remaining is to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and the fund abolished.

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