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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Extends the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and its members' terms of office from December 31, 2020, until December 31, 2021.
- Requires the Commission to continue to plan and carry out events and activities that honor the women's suffrage movement and raise awareness of, and educate the public about, the importance and historical significance of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote, throughout 2021.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Extension of Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

The bill extends the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission until December 31, 2021. Under current law, the Commission ceases to exist on December 31, 2020. The Commission was created in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the proposal and ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote. The bill also extends the Commission members' terms of office from December 31, 2020, until December 31, 2021. It maintains continuing law that permits a member of the General Assembly appointed to the Commission to remain a Commission member only so long as the member remains in office.

The bill also requires the Commission to continue to plan and carry out events and activities throughout Ohio that honor the women's suffrage movement and raise awareness of, and educate the public about, the importance and historical significance of the Nineteenth

Amendment throughout 2021. Under current law, the Commission is required to plan and carry out these events and activities throughout 2020.<sup>1</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-27-20

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1(B), (C), and (E).