

Public Law 106-68  
106th Congress

An Act

To make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.).

Oct. 6, 1999

[S. 1072]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMISSION.**

The Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 4—

36 USC 143 note.

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraphs (1) and (2) by striking “or his designee”;

(ii) in paragraph (3) by striking “, or his designee” and inserting “to represent the interests of the Foundation” and in paragraph (3) strike the word “chairman” and insert the word “president”;

(iii) in paragraph (4) by striking “, or his designee” and inserting “to represent the interests of the 2003 Committee”;

(iv) in paragraph (5) by inserting before the period “and shall represent the interests of such aeronautical entities”; and

(v) in paragraph (6) by striking “, or his designee”;

(B) by striking subsection (f);

(C) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e) as subsections (c) through (f), respectively; and

(D) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ALTERNATES.—Each member described under subsection (a) may designate an alternate who may act in lieu of the member to the extent authorized by the member, including attending meetings and voting.”;

(2) in section 5—

36 USC 143 note.

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by inserting “provide recommendations and advice to the President, Congress, and Federal agencies on the most effective ways to” after “The Commission shall”;

(ii) by striking paragraph (1); and

(iii) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (7) as paragraphs (1) through (6), respectively;

(B) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Commission may—

“(1) advise the United States with regard to gaining support for and facilitating international recognition of the importance of aviation history in general and the centennial of powered flight in particular; and

“(2) attend international meetings regarding such activities as advisors to official United States representatives or to gain or provide information for or about the activities of the Commission.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The Commission may—

“(1)(A) assemble, write, and edit a calendar of events in the United States (and significant events in the world) dealing with the commemoration of the centennial of flight or the history of aviation;

“(B) actively solicit event information; and

“(C) disseminate the calendar by printing and distributing hard and electronic copies and making the calendar available on a web page on the Internet;

“(2) maintain a web page on the Internet for the public that includes activities related to the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(3) write and produce press releases about the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(4) solicit and respond to media inquiries and conduct media interviews on the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(5) initiate contact with individuals and organizations that have an interest in aviation to encourage such individuals and organizations to conduct their own activities in celebration of the centennial of flight;

“(6) provide advice and recommendations, through the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (or any employee of such an agency head under the direction of that agency head), to individuals and organizations that wish to conduct their own activities in celebration of the centennial of flight, and maintain files of information and lists of experts on related subjects that can be disseminated on request;

“(7) sponsor meetings of Federal agencies, State and local governments, and private individuals and organizations for the purpose of coordinating their activities in celebration of the centennial of flight; and

“(8) encourage organizations to publish works related to the history of aviation.”;

(3) in section 6(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking the first sentence; and

(ii) in the second sentence—

(I) by striking “the Federal” and inserting “a Federal”; and

(II) by striking “the information” and inserting “information”; and

(B) in paragraph (3) by striking “section 4(c)(2)” and inserting “section 4(d)(2)”;

(4) in section 6(c)(1) by striking “the Commission may” and inserting “the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (or an employee of the respective administration as designated by either Administrator) may, on behalf of the Commission,”;

(5) in section 7—

(A) in subsection (a) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “There” and inserting “Subject to subsection (h), there”; and

(ii) by inserting before the period “or represented on the Advisory Board under section 12(b)(1) (A) through (E)”;

(B) in subsection (b) by striking “The Commission” and inserting “Subject to subsection (h), the Commission”;

(C) by striking subsection (g);

(D) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (g);

and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(h) LIMITATION.—Each member of the Commission described under section 4(a) (3), (4), and (5) may not make personnel decisions, including hiring, termination, and setting terms and conditions of employment.”;

(6) in section 9—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “The Commission may” and inserting “After consultation with the Commission, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may”; and

(ii) by striking “its duties or that it” and inserting “the duties under this Act or that the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking “The Commission shall have” and inserting “After consultation with the Commission, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may exercise”; and

(ii) in the second sentence by striking “that the Commission lawfully adopts” and inserting “adopted under subsection (a)”;

(C) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), funds from licensing royalties received under this section shall be used by the Commission to carry out the duties of the Commission specified by this Act.

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“(2) EXCESS FUNDS.—The Commission shall transfer any portion of funds in excess of funds necessary to carry out the duties described under paragraph (1), to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to be used for the sole purpose of commemorating the history of aviation or the centennial of powered flight.”;

36 USC 143 note.

(7) in section 10—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “activities of the Commission” and inserting “actions taken by the Commission in fulfillment of the Commission’s duties under this Act”;

(ii) in paragraph (3), by adding “and” after the semicolon;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking the semicolon and “and” and inserting a period; and

(iv) by striking paragraph (5); and

(B) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “activities” and inserting “recommendations”;

36 USC 143 note.

(8) in section 12—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) in subparagraphs (A), (C), (D), and (E), by striking “, or the designee of the Secretary”;

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, or the designee of the Librarian”; and

(III) in subparagraph (F)—

(aa) in clause (i) by striking “government” and inserting “governmental entity”; and

(bb) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) shall be selected among individuals who—

“(I) have earned an advanced degree related to aerospace history or science, or have actively and primarily worked in an aerospace related field during the 5-year period before appointment by the President; and

“(II) specifically represent 1 or more of the persons or groups enumerated under section 5(a)(1).”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) ALTERNATES.—Each member described under paragraph (1) (A) through (E) may designate an alternate who may act in lieu of the member to the extent authorized by the member, including attending meetings and voting.”; and

(B) in subsection (h) by striking “section 4(e)” and inserting “section 4(d)”; and

(9) in section 13—

36 USC 143 note.

(A) by striking paragraph (4); and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4).

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