

216A.121 Iowa Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission.

1. *Organization.* An Iowa Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission is established in the department of human rights. The commission shall be chartered and shall operate as a nonprofit corporation within the state of Iowa according to the provisions of chapter 504.

2. *Purpose.* The purpose of the commission shall be to plan, coordinate, and administer activities and programs relating to the commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in 2009.

3. *Membership.*

a. The commission shall consist of twenty-two members, including eighteen voting members and four nonvoting members.

(1) The voting members shall be as follows:

(a) The governor or the governor's designee.

(b) One member, appointed by the governor, who is an Iowa designated representative to the federal Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission governors' council.

(c) One member appointed by the president of humanities Iowa.

(d) One member appointed by the director of the department of economic development.

(e) One member appointed by the administrator of the state historical society of Iowa.

(f) One member appointed by the executive director of the Iowa arts council.

(g) One member appointed by the executive director of the Iowa museum society.

(h) One member appointed by the president of the league of Iowa human rights agencies.

(i) One member appointed by the president of the Iowa league of cities.

(j) One member appointed by the executive director of the Iowa state association of counties.

(k) One member appointed by the director of the department of education.

(l) One member appointed by the chairperson of the state board of regents.

(m) One member appointed by the president of the Iowa library board.

(n) One member appointed by the chairperson of the Iowa state chapter of the national association for the advancement of colored people.

(o) Four public members, appointed by the governor, with a demonstrated interest in history and substantial knowledge and appreciation of Abraham Lincoln.

(2) The nonvoting members shall be two state representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the minority leader of the house, and two state senators, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate.

b. Ten voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum. Persons making appointments shall consult with one another to ensure that the commission is balanced by gender, political affiliation, and geographic location and to ensure selection of members representing diverse interest groups. The provisions of chapters 21 and 22 shall apply to meetings and records of the commission.

c. The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the members of the commission. Commission members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

4. *Rulemaking authority.* The department, in cooperation with the commission, may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 17A in order to accomplish the purpose of the commission.

5. *Authority.* The commission may receive and make grants, receive and expend appropriations, contract for services, hold licenses and copyrights, and otherwise act as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of the commission.

6. *Fund established.* The Abraham Lincoln bicentennial fund is established as a separate fund in the state treasury under the control of the commission.

7. *Funds received.* All funds received by the commission, including but not limited to gifts, transfers, endowments, moneys from the sale of mementos and products related to the purposes of the commission, and appropriations, shall be credited to the bicentennial fund and are appropriated to the commission to be invested or used to support the activities of the commission. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

8. *Expiration.* The commission shall expire no later than June 30, 2010. Upon expiration, all fund balances from appropriations of state funds shall be returned to the general fund of the state, and all other assets shall be transferred to the Iowa historical foundation authorized pursuant to section 303.9, subsection 3, subject to any conditions or restrictions previously placed on the assets.

9. This section is repealed June 30, 2010.

2007 Acts, ch 99, §1; 2007 Acts, ch 215, §98