

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB809

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Rules

4. Title Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill establishes the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln to prepare for and lead the Commonwealth in the national commemoration of the 200th anniversary of his birth. The Commission consists of a total membership of 17 members, which includes 10 legislators, four nonlegislative citizen members, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive Director of the State Council of Higher Education, and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or their designees shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. The Commission, among other things, must develop, plan, and coordinate the implementation of statewide programs, events, and activities appropriate to the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Also, the Commission must work with state and local entities and diverse groups, including the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, in planning and coordinating commemorative events.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$0	0	
2007-08	\$12,800	0	Nongeneral
2008-09	\$12,800	0	Nongeneral
2009-10	\$12,800	0	Nongeneral
2010-11	\$0	0	
2011-12	\$0	0	
2012-13	\$0	0	

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, it is the intent of this legislation that the costs associated with this commission will be paid by the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln Fund which will consist of gifts, donations, grants, bequeaths, or other funds. These must be appropriated as nongeneral funds to a new Item.

For its first year of existence, if the Commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the Appropriation Act, the Commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates upon the approval of the Joint Rules committee. If the Commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the

Appropriation Act for any year thereafter, this chapter shall expire of July 1 of the fiscal year that the Commission fails to receive such funding.

- 8. Fiscal implications:** Staff support is provided by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate or the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates as may be appropriate for the house in which the chairman of the Commission serves. The Division of Legislative Services shall provide legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request. The cost of staff support is indeterminate. The bill is not clear if these agencies will be reimbursed for services rendered.

The Commission will consist of 17 members. Committee members shall be compensated according to their status and have expenses reimbursed. Citizen members will be reimbursed at \$50 per diem, General Assembly members at \$200 per diem, and ex officio members will receive no per diem compensation. If the General Assembly is in session, delegates will receive expenses but no compensation. The Commission will operate from July 1, 2007 until July 1, 2010.

The analysis assumes that the Commission will meet four times per year. It also assumes that 30 percent of the members live near Richmond and their expenses would be \$20 per meeting, 30 percent live in central Virginia and their expenses would be \$50 per meeting, and the remaining members would incur expenses of \$120 per meeting. The calculations for expenses and compensation to fund the Commission are as follows:

Estimated expenses and compensation annual costs

Number of Commission members (10 are delegates):	17
Meetings per year when GA is not in session:	3
Meetings per year when GA is in session:	1
Expense Reimbursement: (30% at \$20; 30% at \$50; 40% at \$120)	\$20 - \$120
Compensation per day:	\$50

Calculations

Compensation Summary:

3 ex officio members * \$0	\$ 0
4 citizen members * \$50 * 4 annual meetings	\$ 800
10 General Assembly members * \$200 * 3 meetings	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total annual compensation	\$6,800

Expense Summary:

5 members * \$20 * 4 annual meetings	\$ 400
5 members * \$50 * 4 annual meetings	\$1,000
7 members * \$120 * 4 annual meetings	<u>\$3,360</u>
Total annual expenses	\$6,000

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Council of Higher Education, Virginia Community College System, Department of Education, Division of Legislative Automated Services, House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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