

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 517

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
ENACTING THE ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION ACT; CREATING THE
ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION; CREATING THE ROUTE 66
CENTENNIAL COMMISSION FUND; ESTABLISHING DUTIES AND POWERS OF
THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING A DELAYED REPEAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
cited as the "Route 66 Centennial Commission Act".

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
Route 66 Centennial Commission Act:

A. "commission" means the route 66 centennial
commission; and

B. "department" means the tourism department.

SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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1 CREATED--MEMBERS.--The "route 66 centennial commission" is
2 created in the department and shall be dissolved on June 30,
3 2027. Its members shall reflect the various interests, history
4 and importance of the communities along route 66 in New Mexico.
5 The commission is composed of the following members:

6 A. two public members appointed by the speaker of
7 the house of representatives;

8 B. two public members appointed by the minority
9 floor leader of the house of representatives;

10 C. two public members appointed by the president
11 pro tempore of the senate;

12 D. two public members appointed by the minority
13 floor leader of the senate;

14 E. three public members appointed by the governor,
15 one of whom shall be appointed to serve as chair of the
16 commission; and

17 F. nine ex-officio members, including the:

18 (1) governor, or the governor's designee;

19 (2) secretary of tourism or the secretary's
20 designee;

21 (3) secretary of transportation or the
22 secretary's designee;

23 (4) director of the historic preservation
24 division of the cultural affairs department or the director's
25 designee;

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1 (5) secretary of energy, minerals and natural
2 resources or the secretary's designee;

3 (6) director of the financial institutions
4 division of the regulation and licensing department or the
5 director's designee;

6 (7) state records administrator of the state
7 records center and archives or the administrator's designee;

8 (8) president of the route 66 association of
9 New Mexico or the president's designee; and

10 (9) executive director of the New Mexico route
11 66 national scenic byway or the executive director's designee.

12 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] MEETINGS--QUORUM AND VOTING--
13 MEMBER COMPENSATION--PER DIEM--EXPENSES.--

14 A. The commission shall meet at least quarterly at
15 a time and place designated by the chair of the commission.

16 B. A majority of the members of the commission
17 constitutes a quorum for transacting commission business.

18 C. A public member of the commission shall receive
19 per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage
20 Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or
21 allowance.

22 SECTION 5. [NEW MATERIAL] POWERS AND DUTIES.--The
23 commission shall:

24 A. plan and sponsor official route 66 centennial
25 events, programs and activities in New Mexico;

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1 B. encourage the development of programs designed
2 to involve all residents in activities that commemorate route
3 66 centennial events in the state;

4 C. make available to the public information on
5 route 66 centennial events happening in the state, to the best
6 of the commission's ability; and

7 D. create and deliver to the governor by June 30,
8 2027, a final report on the commission's activities.

9 **SECTION 6. [NEW MATERIAL] FUND CREATED.**--The "route 66
10 centennial commission fund" is created in the state treasury.
11 The fund consists of transfers, appropriations, gifts, grants,
12 donations, bequests, income from investment of the fund and
13 other money distributed or otherwise allocated to the fund.
14 The department shall administer the fund. Disbursements from
15 the fund shall be made by warrant of the secretary of finance
16 and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary
17 of tourism. Money in the fund is subject to appropriation by
18 the legislature to the department for the purposes of the Route
19 66 Centennial Commission Act. Money in the fund shall revert
20 to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2027.

21 **SECTION 7. DELAYED REPEAL.**--Sections 1 through 6 of this
22 act are repealed effective July 1, 2027.