

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 3, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
5 BILL NO. 1774

6 By: McCall, Hilbert, **Wallace**  
7 **and West (Josh)** of the  
8 House

9 and

10 Pugh, **Bergstrom and Dossett**  
11 of the Senate

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14 **[ roads and bridges - Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial**  
15 **Commission Act - Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial**  
16 **Commission - codification - effective date ]**

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020 of Title 69, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Route  
22 66 Centennial Commission Act".

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020.1 of Title 69, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Route 66 is one of the original highways within the U.S. Highway  
System. Officially, the numerical designation 66 was assigned to

1 the Chicago-to-Los Angeles route on November 11, 1926. From the  
2 outset, public road planners intended U.S. 66 to connect the main  
3 streets of rural and urban communities along its course for the most  
4 practical of reasons; most small towns had no prior access to a  
5 major national thoroughfare. This was certainly true in Oklahoma.  
6 Oklahoma's stretch of Route 66 runs from Miami through Tulsa and  
7 Oklahoma City to Erick, passing through cities and towns of all  
8 sizes and vast expanses of rural landscape, before entering Texas  
9 and continuing on its way to Santa Monica, California. The Oklahoma  
10 Route 66 Centennial Commission is established to plan, coordinate  
11 and implement programs and special events to celebrate the historic  
12 highway's centennial in 2026 with the support of the Oklahoma  
13 Historical Society.

14 The centennial is an opportunity to celebrate the important  
15 history of Route 66 in Oklahoma through commemorative, educational  
16 and community events, including programs and exhibits about the  
17 history of how local communities grew and changed with construction  
18 of the highway; the development of a modern transportation system;  
19 the cultural impact of Route 66 both within the United States and  
20 internationally; the portrayal of Route 66 in music, artwork and  
21 folklore; and how we maintain the mystique and appeal of Route 66  
22 for future generations.

23 The study, preservation and maintenance of Route-66-related  
24 resources has been a public/private partnership in Oklahoma for

1 decades. Government agencies, private organizations and individual  
2 citizens have played critical roles in these efforts, and the  
3 Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall seek input from these  
4 partners and the general public as it develops plans for the  
5 celebration and encourages their participation.

6 The significance of the Oklahoma stretch of Route 66 is  
7 demonstrated through its status as both a state and a National  
8 Scenic Byway and as a segment of the Route 66 National Historic  
9 Trail (legislation for NHT designation is pending in the U.S.  
10 Congress). Dozens of Oklahoma properties are related to Route 66,  
11 such as roadbed segments, bridges, commercial buildings, service  
12 stations and tourist attractions, and are listed in the National  
13 Register of Historic Places. The significance of the highway is  
14 further recognized through the National Trust for Historic  
15 Preservation's selection of the entire length of the highway as one  
16 of its National Treasures.

17 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020.2 of Title 69, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall be  
21 composed of twenty-one (21) members. Appointed members shall  
22 reflect the interests, history and importance of the communities  
23 along Route 66 in Oklahoma. The members are appointed as follows:

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1           1. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
2 of Representatives;

3           2. Two members shall be appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate;

5           3. Three members of the public shall be appointed by the  
6 Governor; and

7           4. Fourteen ex officio members shall be appointed as follows:

8           a. the Governor or his or her designee,

9           b. the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as  
10 chairperson, or his or her designee,

11           c. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of  
12 Transportation or his or her designee,

13           d. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical  
14 Society or his or her designee,

15           e. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of  
16 Commerce or his or her designee,

17           f. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and  
18 Recreation Department or his or her designee,

19           g. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council or  
20 his or her designee,

21           h. the President of the Route 66 Alliance or his or her  
22 designee,

23           i. the President of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association or  
24 his or her designee,

- 1           j.    the Executive Director of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.,  
2                    or his or her designee,  
3           k.    the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Museums  
4                    Association or his or her designee,  
5           l.    the Executive Director of Oklahoma Humanities or his  
6                    or her designee,  
7           m.    the Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League or his  
8                    or her designee, and  
9           n.    the President of the Oklahoma State Chamber of  
10                   Commerce or his or her designee.

11 An ex officio member of the Commission vacates the person's position  
12 on the Commission if the person ceases to hold the position that  
13 qualifies the person for service on the Commission.

14        B.    The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the times  
15 and places in this state that the Commission designates. A majority  
16 of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for  
17 transacting Commission business. Subject to appropriation, the  
18 Oklahoma Historical Society shall provide administrative and other  
19 support to the Commission.

20        C.    The Commission shall:

21            1.   Plan and sponsor official Route 66 Centennial events,  
22 programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the Route 66  
23 Centennial;

1           2. Encourage the development of programs designed to involve  
2 all citizens in activities that commemorate the Route 66 Centennial  
3 events; and

4           3. Make available to the public, to the best of the  
5 Commission's ability, information on Route 66 Centennial events  
6 happening throughout the State of Oklahoma.

7           D. The Commission may accept monetary gifts, grants or  
8 appropriations from any public or private source to be held in a  
9 nonappropriated revolving fund authorized for the Oklahoma  
10 Historical Society and expended solely for the use of the Commission  
11 in performing the Commission's powers and duties under this act.  
12 The Commission may also accept in-kind gifts.

13           E. Each member of the Commission shall serve without  
14 compensation or reimbursement for travel related to Commission  
15 duties, aside from the compensation he or she might otherwise  
16 receive as authorized by law.

17           F. The Commission shall be dissolved on June 30, 2027, and any  
18 assets remaining in the Commission's trust fund shall be deposited  
19 into the state's General Revenue Fund. A final report on the  
20 activities of the Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission shall be  
21 delivered to the Governor no later than June 30, 2027.

22           SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
24 April 3, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED