

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB1776</b>                   |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>FA1</b>                      |
| <b>Request Number:</b> | <b>7735</b>                     |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$1,200,000 over 4 years</b> |

**Research Analysis**

The floor substitute to HB 1776 creates the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission whose responsibilities are to develop and plan events, programs, and educational activities to commemorate the United States Semiquincentennial. The Commission is to be comprised of 25 members, of which 15 members are appointed and 10 are ex officio members. The Commission will be dissolved on June 30, 2027.

The measure also creates the Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund for the Oklahoma Historical Society and will consist of legislative appropriations, private donations, gifts, and grants. The measure provides an ending date for the fund on June 30, 2027 and any remaining money will be transferred to the Historical Society Revolving Fund.

**CHANGES IN FLOOR SUB VERSION FROM INTRODUCED:**

Removes "U.S.A." from the name of the commission to make it the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission. Adds three ex officio members to the commission raising the total number of members from 22 to 25. Lastly, the floor substitute adds the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1776 creates the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission with twenty-five (25) total members. These members would receive no compensation, but shall receive travel reimbursement. The State Travel Reimbursement Act provides that such expenses shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority or agency. Staffing costs will be the responsibility of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Per the Society, operating expenses to fully staff this Commission for its four-year existence are estimated to total \$1,200,000. This measure also establishes the Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund, which will sunset on June 30, 2027, with any remaining funds being transferred to the Historical Society Revolving Fund.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

