

SENATE BILL No. 460

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-20.5-23.

Synopsis: Indiana historical mural commission. Establishes the historical mural commission (commission). Requires the commission to administer a program under which historical murals depicting milestones in Indiana's history as a territory and a state will be created and permanently displayed in prominent places around the state capitol campus in celebration of the 2026 semiquincentennial of the United States. Empowers the commission to decide the number and size of the historical murals, the locations where the historical murals will be displayed, the milestones of Indiana history to be depicted, the design and terms of the competitive process through which artists will be chosen to create the historical murals, how the historical murals, once on display, will be preserved and protected, and other matters. Requires that all artists selected to create historical murals be residents of Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-20.5-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]:

4 **Chapter 23. Historical Murals**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
6 **historical mural commission established by section 4 of this**
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "mural" means a painting,**
9 **mosaic, bas-relief, or other work of representational art executed**
10 **or permanently displayed on a wall.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "state capitol campus" means the**
12 **state house and the state government buildings adjacent to the**
13 **state house.**

14 **Sec. 4. (a) The historical mural commission is established.**
15 **(b) The commission is comprised of the following members:**
16 **(1) A chairperson, who shall be appointed by the governor.**
17 **(2) The chairperson of the Indiana arts commission created by**



- 1 **IC 4-23-2-1, who shall serve as vice chairperson of the**
2 **commission.**
- 3 **(3) The chief administrative officer of the historical bureau**
4 **appointed under IC 4-23-7.2-16.**
- 5 **(4) A member of the Indiana historical society nominated by**
6 **the Indiana historical society and appointed by the governor.**
- 7 **(5) Representatives of at least three (3) county or area**
8 **historical societies, who shall be appointed by the governor.**
- 9 **(6) A professor of Indiana history or an author of publications**
10 **concerning Indiana history, who shall be appointed by the**
11 **governor.**
- 12 **(c) A vacancy in a position on the commission under subsection**
13 **(b)(4), (b)(5), or (b)(6) shall be filled by appointment by the**
14 **governor.**
- 15 **(d) The commission shall meet upon the call of the chairperson,**
16 **but must meet at least once in each three (3) month period.**
- 17 **(e) The affirmative votes of at least a majority of the members**
18 **at a meeting at which a quorum is present are necessary for the**
19 **commission to take official action.**
- 20 **(f) The historical bureau or the Indiana state library shall**
21 **provide staff support to the commission.**
- 22 **Sec. 5. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state**
23 **employee is entitled to receive both of the following:**
- 24 **(1) The minimum salary per diem provided by**
25 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**
- 26 **(2) Reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses**
27 **actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as**
28 **provided in the state travel policies and procedures**
29 **established by the Indiana department of administration and**
30 **approved by the budget agency.**
- 31 **(b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is**
32 **entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses,**
33 **if any, that the member actually incurs in connection with the**
34 **member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and**
35 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
36 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
- 37 **Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall administer a program under**
38 **which historical murals depicting milestones in Indiana's history**
39 **as a territory and a state are created and permanently displayed in**
40 **prominent places around the state capitol campus in celebration of**
41 **the 2026 semiquincentennial of the United States.**
- 42 **(b) The commission shall select the artists to create the**



1 **historical murals through a competitive process. All artists selected**
 2 **to create the historical murals must be residents of Indiana.**

3 **(c) The commission may award the following monetary prizes**
 4 **to the artists who create the finest historical murals:**

5 **(1) For first prize, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).**

6 **(2) For second prize, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).**

7 **(3) For third prize, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).**

8 **(4) For fourth prize, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).**

9 **(d) The commission shall decide the following:**

10 **(1) The number of historical murals to be created and**
 11 **displayed.**

12 **(2) The size of historical murals to be created and the**
 13 **locations around the state capitol campus in which the**
 14 **historical murals will be displayed.**

15 **(3) The milestones of Indiana history to be depicted by the**
 16 **historical murals.**

17 **(4) The design and terms of the competitive process through**
 18 **which artists will be chosen to create the historical murals,**
 19 **including the type of submission an artist must provide to the**
 20 **commission to be considered as a candidate for selection.**

21 **(5) The compensation to be paid to an artist for creating a**
 22 **historical mural, if the prize awarded under subsection (c) is**
 23 **not sufficient compensation.**

24 **(6) How the historical murals, when permanently displayed,**
 25 **will be preserved and protected (such as by proper framing to**
 26 **avoid damage from sunlight and humidity and to protect**
 27 **against theft and vandalism).**

28 **(7) The type of label or plaque that will be fixed on or near**
 29 **each historical mural to:**

30 **(A) explain the milestone of Indiana history depicted in the**
 31 **historical mural;**

32 **(B) identify the artist who created the historical mural;**
 33 **and**

34 **(C) state the year in which the historical mural was**
 35 **created.**

36 **(e) The commission may accept suggestions concerning the**
 37 **subjects, media, and locations of placement of the historical murals**
 38 **from residents of Indiana other than candidates for selection as**
 39 **artists.**

40 **(f) The commission, in collaboration with the department of**
 41 **administration, shall plan the ceremony in which the historical**
 42 **murals will be unveiled or otherwise introduced to celebrate the**



1 **2026 semiquincentennial of the United States.**
2 **(g) The commission shall prepare a proposed budget to meet the**
3 **costs of upkeep of the historical murals in the years after the**
4 **historical murals are put in place around the state capitol campus.**
5 **Sec. 7. This chapter expires July 1, 2027.**

