Public Law 93-178

AN ACT

To insure that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the Office of Attorney General be those which were in effect on January 1, 1969.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compensation and other emoluments attached to the Office of Attorney General shall be those which were in effect on January 1, 1969, notwithstanding the provisions of the salary recommendations for 1969 transmitted to the Congress on January 15, 1969, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, or provision which has the force and effect of law, which is enacted or becomes effective during the period from noon, January 3, 1969, through noon, January 2, 1975.

SEC. 2. (a) Any person aggrieved by an action of the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court to contest the constitutionality of the appointment and continuance in office of the Attorney General on the ground that such appointment and continuance in office is in violation of article I, section 6, clause 2, of the Constitution. The United States district courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction, without regard to the sum or value of the matter in controversy, to determine the validity of such appointment and continuance in office.

(b) Any action brought under this section shall be heard and determined by a panel of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28, United States Code. Any appeal from the action of a court convened pursuant to such section shall lie to the Supreme Court.

(c) Any judge designated to hear any action brought under this section shall cause such action to be in every way expedited.


Public Law 93-179

AN ACT

To establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as this Nation approaches the bicentennial of its birth and the historic events preceding and associated with the American Revolution which are of American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Establishment.
such major significance in the development of our national heritage of individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights and which also had so profound an influence throughout the world, it is appropriate and desirable to provide for the observance and commemoration of this anniversary and for those activities of local, State, National, and international significance to be coordinated, scheduled, and facilitated by a governmental unit, drawing on the resources of public, private, civic, and other organizations for planning and implementation, to insure that the appropriate observances take place.

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established an independent establishment to be known as the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (hereinafter referred to as the “Administration”) to coordinate, to facilitate, and to aid in the scheduling of events, activities, and projects of local, State, National, and international significance sponsored by both governmental and nongovernmental entities in commemoration of the American Revolution Bicentennial.

(b) The Administration shall be headed by an Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the “Administrator”) who shall be nominated by the President within sixty days after the effective date of this Act and appointed by and with advice and consent of the Senate. The Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the President and shall be compensated at the rate now or hereafter prescribed for offices or positions at level III of the Executive Schedule.

(c) The President shall appoint a Deputy Administrator by and with the advice and consent of the Senate who shall be compensated at the rate now or hereafter prescribed for offices or positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule. The Deputy Administrator shall perform such duties as the Administrator may prescribe. The Deputy Administrator shall act for and perform the functions of the Administrator during any absence or disability of the Administrator or during a vacancy in the office of the Administrator.

(d) The Administrator shall have power to appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as he deems advisable, however, not more than five such appointments may be placed in grades GS-16, GS-17, and GS-18, to carry out the functions of the Administration. The authority with reference to appointments in grades GS-16, GS-17, and GS-18 will be subject to the procedures prescribed under section 5108 of title 5 of the United States Code, and shall continue only for the duration of the exercise of functions of the Administration. The Administrator shall have power to appoint such advisory committees as he deems necessary.

(e) The Administrator may procure services as authorized by section 3109, of title 5, United States Code.

(f) The Administrator, to such extent as he deems necessary, may procure supplies, services, and personal property; make contracts; expend funds appropriated, donated, or received in pursuance of contracts hereunder in furtherance of the purposes of this Act; and
exercise those powers that are necessary to enable him to carry out efficiently and in the public interest the purposes of this Act.

(g) Financial and administrative services (including those related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel, and procurement) shall be provided the Administration by the Department of the Interior, for which payment shall be made in advance, or by reimbursement, from funds of the Administration in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Administrator and the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That the regulations of the Department of the Interior for the collection of indebtedness of personnel resulting from erroneous payments made to or on behalf of an Administration employee and regulations of said Secretary for the administrative control of funds (31 U.S.C. 665(g)) shall apply to appropriations of the Administration: And provided further, That the Administrator shall not be required to prescribe such regulations.

(h) Any property acquired by the Administration and which remains upon its termination shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for use by him under section 7(b) of this Act, or shall be disposed of by the Secretary as excess or surplus property as otherwise provided by law.

(i) Whoever, except as authorized under rules and regulations issued by the Administrator, knowingly manufactures, reproduces, or uses any logos, symbols, or marks originated under authority of and certified by the Administrator for use in connection with the commemoration of the American Revolution Bicentennial, or any facsimile thereof, or holds out to the public objects in such a manner as to suggest any such logos, symbols, or marks not officially authorized by the Administrator, shall be fined not more than $250 or imprisoned not more than six months or both: Provided, That this section shall be applicable upon publication in the Federal Register of notification of certification hereunder by the Administrator with respect to each such logo, symbol, or mark.

Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established an American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) to be composed of twenty-five members appointed by the President, no more than fifteen of whom shall be appointed from the same political party. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the President, and their terms of office shall not extend beyond the termination date of the Administration. Members of the Council shall be chosen from private life and shall be broadly representative of the Nation’s people. In appointing persons to the Council, the President shall give due consideration to the contributions, among others, of the Nation’s youth, women, elders, racial and ethnic minorities, artists and craftsmen, and learned professions. The Administrator shall serve as an ex officio member of the Council. The Council shall meet at least once every two months and shall hold other meetings at the call of the Chairman, the Administrator, or a majority of its members, and shall render advice to the Administrator on all matters relating to the purposes of this Act.

(b) Vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments were made.

(c) The Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but shall be allowed such necessary travel expenses and per diem as are authorized for individuals serving without pay under section 5703, of title 5, United States Code.

(d) The chairman and vice chairman and other appropriate officers of the Council shall be elected by and from members of the Council other than the Administrator.
Sec. 4. (a) In order to assure a balanced program for the bicentennial commemoration, encompassing the themes of "Heritage '76", "Festival USA"; and "Horizons '76"; and in furtherance of the purposes outlined in section 2(a) of this Act, the Administration as a primary function shall prepare the master calendar of events of local, State, National, and international significance which will take place between March 1975 and December 31, 1976. In carrying out the purposes of this subsection, the Administrator shall—

(1) provide for the bicentennial master calendar or register of programs and projects, and in other ways provide a central clearinghouse for information and coordination regarding dates, events, places, documents, artifacts, and personalities of bicentennial historical and commemorative significance;

(2) coordinate, facilitate, and aid in the scheduling of events, programs, and projects of States and private citizens, and national and international programs, which commemorate the bicentennial; and

(3) develop standards for, and evaluate the feasibility, relevance, status, and desirability of various programs and projects associated with the bicentennial commemoration, acting in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget in cases where Federal department or agency activities are involved.

(b) In addition the Administrator shall—

(1) provide for the coordination of non-Federal bicentennial programs and projects with appropriate Federal programs and projects;

(2) provide recognition as deemed appropriate in connection with bicentennial related programs or projects;

(3) provide for competitions and similar projects relating to the bicentennial;

(4) provide for the preparation, distribution, dissemination, exhibition, and sale of commemorative medals and other historical, commemorative, and informational materials and objects which will contribute to public information, awareness, and interest in the bicentennial. In preparing the Administration's plans and programs, the Administrator shall give due consideration to any related plans and programs developed by State, local, and private groups, and he may designate special committees with representatives from such bodies to plan, develop, and coordinate specific activities.

(c) In performing the duties set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Administrator shall not operate any programs unless specifically authorized by law, but shall limit his functions to stimulating and encouraging appropriate public and private authorities and organizations to assume operational responsibility for particular programs.

(d) In the Administration's planning activities, the Administrator shall give special emphasis to the ideas associated with the Revolution which have been so important in the development of the United States in world affairs and in mankind's quest for freedom.

Sec. 5. (a) In fulfilling his responsibilities, the Administrator is authorized to consult, cooperate with, and seek advice and assistance from (1) the American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Council and the American Revolution Bicentennial Board, (2) appropriate Federal departments and agencies, State and local public bodies, learned societies, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic, professional, and related organizations, and (3) bicentennial commissions
of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the territories, either collectively or individually. The Administrator may authorize travel as he deems appropriate for representatives and staff of such bicentennial commissions and may pay travel expenses and per diem therefor as authorized for individuals serving without pay under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code. Federal departments and agencies are authorized and requested to cooperate with the Administrator in carrying out his duties under this Act.

(b) The Chairman of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities are authorized and requested to cooperate with the Administrator, especially in the encouragement and coordination of scholarly works and presentations focusing on the history, culture, and political thought of the Revolutionary War period.

(c) The Librarian of Congress, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Archivist of the United States are authorized and requested to cooperate with the Administrator, especially in development and display of exhibits and collections and in the development of bibliographies, catalogs, and other material relevant to the period of the Revolutionary War.

Sec. 6. (a) The Administrator is authorized to accept on behalf of the Administration donations of money, property, or personal services.

(b) Any books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, and other materials donated to the Administration may be deposited for preservation in National, State, or local libraries, archives, museums, or other public or nonprofit institutions or be otherwise disposed of by the Administrator in consultation with the Librarian of Congress, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Archivist of the United States, and the Administrator of General Services.

Sec. 7. (a) (1) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to carry out the provisions of this Act, except for the program of grants-in-aid established by section 9(b) of this Act, not to exceed $10,000,000, of which not to exceed $1,375,000 shall be for grants-in-aid pursuant to section 9(a) of this Act.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the program of grants-in-aid established by section 9(b) of this Act, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed $20,000,000, as may be necessary, and any funds appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall remain available until expended, but no later than December 31, 1976.

(b) An annual report of the activities of the Administration, including an accounting of funds received and expended, shall be furnished by the Administrator to the Congress and a final report shall be made to the Congress no later than June 30, 1977. The Administration and the Board shall terminate on June 30, 1977, or on the date of the filing of the final report, whichever is sooner. In order to effect an orderly transfer, the President is authorized to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior on or after January 1, 1977, such powers and functions as he shall deem necessary for a continuation of appropriate commemoration of events relating to the American Revolution until December 31, 1983. All personnel, records, property, and appropriations of the Administration as relate to the transferred functions shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior and shall be available for carrying out such transferred functions.

Sec. 8. Appropriations or other funds available to the Administration for carrying out the purposes related to or in furtherance of the
bicentennial commemoration may be transferred to another Federal department or agency as may be mutually agreed upon between the Administration and the Federal department or agency concerned. Funds so transferred may be used for direct expenditure or as a working fund, and any such expenditures may be made under the authorities governing the activities of the transferee department or agency or under the authorities of this Act, providing that the activities so funded come within the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 9. (a) The Administrator is authorized to carry out a program of grants-in-aid in accordance with and in furtherance of the purposes of this Act. The Administrator may, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed—

(1) make equal grants of appropriated funds in each fiscal year of not to exceed $25,000 to Bicentennial Commissions of each State, territory, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, upon application therefor;

(2) make grants of nonappropriated funds to nonprofit entities, including States, territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (or subdivisions thereof), to assist in developing or supporting bicentennial programs or projects. Such grants may be up to 50 per centum of the total cost of the program or project to be assisted.

(b) For the purpose of further assisting each of the several States, the Territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in developing and supporting bicentennial programs and projects, the Administrator is authorized, out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of this Act, to carry out a program of grants-in-aid in accordance with this subsection. Subject to such regulations as may be prescribed and approved by the Board, the Administrator may make grants to each of the several States, Territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to assist them in developing and supporting bicentennial programs and projects. Each such recipient shall be entitled to not less than $200,000 under this subsection. In no event shall any such grant be made unless matched by the recipient.

Sec. 10. (a) There is hereby established the American Revolution Bicentennial Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”). The Board shall be composed of eleven members as follows:

(1) the Administrator;

(2) two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Members appointed under this paragraph shall not be of the same political party;

(3) two Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. Members appointed under this paragraph shall not be of the same political party;

(4) the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Council;

(5) the Secretary of the Interior; and
(6) three members appointed by the President from officers or staff of State bicentennial commissions or comparable State bodies.

(b) The members of the Board shall serve for the length of time the Board is in existence.

(c) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be appointed in the same manner as the member whose vacancy he is filling.

(d) Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties vested in the Board, but not exceeding the maximum amounts authorized under section 5703(b) of title 5, United States Code, and, in addition thereto, each member of the Board shall receive $100 per day for each day he is engaged in the performance of duties vested in the Board, including traveltime; however, members of the Board who are officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional compensation for their services.

(e) Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(f) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board shall be elected by members of the Board from members of the Board other than the Administrator.

(g) The Board shall meet at least once each month and shall hold other meetings at the call of the Chairman, the Administrator, or a majority of its members.

(h) The Board shall be empowered to—

(1) receive advice and information from the Council and the Administrator with respect to the development of policy and guidelines to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

(2) give final approval to grants to be made under the authority of section 9 of this Act;

(3) review, approve, disapprove, or ratify from time to time, all basic policy and guidelines, including the proposed annual budget to be presented by the Administrator, in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(i) It shall be a duty of the Board to make a continuing study of the activities of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. The Board shall, from time to time, but not less than every six months, report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and to the Senate and the House of Representatives concerning the results of its studies, together with such recommendations as it may deem desirable. It shall make a final report thereon by June 30, 1977.

Sec. 11. At the request of the Board, the President may, when he determines it to be in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, direct that the functions authorized under this Act may be performed without regard to any provisions of law or limitations of authority regulating or relating to the making, performance, amendment, or modification of contracts, and the expenditure of Government funds as he may specify.

Sec. 12. Except for members of the Commission, the personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held available or to be made available to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, established by Public Law 89-491, approved July 4, 1966, and the amendments thereto, shall be transferred to the Administration upon the effective date of this Act to be used for the purposes of this Act and to liquidate.
Interim appointment.

Sec. 13. (a) The President may authorize any person, including any person who immediately prior to the effective date of this Act held a position in the executive branch of the Government, to act as Administrator during the sixty-day period referred to in subsection (b) of section 2 of this Act, or until the office of Administrator is for the first time filled pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

(b) The President may authorize any person who previously held a position in the executive branch of the Government who serves in an acting capacity under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section to receive the compensation attached to the office in respect of which he so serves. Such compensation, if authorized, shall be in lieu of, but not in addition to, other compensation from the United States to which such person may be entitled.

Repeal.

Sec. 14. The joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution to establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes”, Public Law 89-491, approved July 4, 1966, as amended, is hereby repealed, and the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission is hereby abolished.

Effective date.

Sec. 15. The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the bicentennial of the American Revolution”, Public 92-228, approved February 15, 1972, is amended as follows:

(a) Section 1 of such Act is amended by striking out “American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Commission’)” and inserting in lieu thereof “American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (hereinafter referred to as the Administration)’’.

(b) Section 3 of such Act is amended—

1. by striking out, in the first and second sentences, “Commission” and inserting in lieu thereof “Administration”, and

2. by striking out, in the second sentence, “December 31, 1983” and inserting in lieu thereof “June 30, 1977”.


December 13, 1973

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the securing of storage space for the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol, with the approval of the House Office Building Commission and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, is authorized to secure, through rental, lease, or other appropriate agreement, storage space in areas within the District of Columbia and its environs beyond the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds for use of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, under such terms and conditions as such Commission and committee may authorize, and to incur any necessary incidental expenses in connection therewith.