

Title 4 State Government
Chapter 8 State Capitol and Annexes
Part 3 State Capitol Commission

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-8-301 (2012)

4-8-301. Established -- Membership -- Chair -- Compensation.

(a) (1) There is hereby created the state capitol commission, which shall be composed of seven (7) ex officio members, as follows: the commissioner of general services, the comptroller of the treasury, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the commissioner of finance and administration, the commissioner of environment and conservation, and the chair of the Tennessee historical commission, or their respective designees. In addition, the membership shall include two (2) legislative members as follows: one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the senate and one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) The commission membership shall also include three (3) private citizens appointed by the governor to staggered terms of three (3) years.

(A) In appointing private citizens to serve on the state capitol commission, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) such citizen serving on the commission is sixty (60) years of age or older and that at least one (1) such citizen serving on the commission is a member of a racial minority.

(B) At least one (1) of the private citizens appointed by the governor shall be a black person.

(C) (i) In appointing private citizens to serve on the state capitol commission, the governor shall appoint one (1) person from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state.

(ii) The private citizen members serving on the commission on March 20, 2012, shall continue to serve until they either vacate their positions or their terms of office expire, whichever occurs first, whereupon the governor shall appoint persons to fill the positions in accordance with subdivision (a)(2)(C)(i).

(b) The governor shall appoint a chair from among the full membership of the commission.

(c) All members shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

HISTORY: Acts 1986, ch. 838, § 1; 1988, ch. 1013, § 1; 1998, ch. 688, § 2; 2012, ch. 586, § 3.

4-8-302. Powers and duties.

(a) The state capitol commission has the following power and duty to:

(1) Formulate and develop a plenary master plan and program for the adaptive restoration and preservation of the state capitol, including the building and contiguous grounds;

(2) Consistent with the master plan required in subdivision (a)(1), to establish policy controlling the furnishings, including, but not limited to, wall, floor and window coverings of the state capitol;

(3) Establish policy governing maintenance of the state capitol;

(4) Establish policy governing the use of the state capitol for any nongovernmental activities; and

(5) Establish a policy relative to historical commemorative additions and improvements on the Bicentennial Mall, such as statues and monuments, and to approve such historical commemorative additions and improvements as may come with such policy; provided, that all other aspects of the administration of the Bicentennial Mall shall remain within the control and jurisdiction of the department of environment and conservation.

(b) All actions of the commission pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to the concurrence of the state building commission.

HISTORY: Acts 1986, ch. 838, § 2; 1998, ch. 688, § 1.

4-8-303. Staff -- Experts.

(a) The department of general services, the state museum, the Tennessee historical society, and the office of the state architect shall provide appropriate staff to the state capitol commission.

(b) In addition, the commission has the authority to contract pursuant to state law for the services of experts and specialists in the area of adaptive restoration and preservation of historic buildings. All contracts shall be executed by the commissioner of finance and administration, with the approval of the comptroller of the treasury and the attorney general and reporter; provided, that design and construction contracts are subject to the approval of the state building commission.

HISTORY: Acts 1986, ch. 838, § 3.

4-8-304. Reports.

The commission shall make an annual written report to the governor and general assembly. The report shall describe the activities of the commission during the preceding twelve (12) months and shall outline the activities for the ensuing twelve (12) months, with recommendations.

HISTORY: Acts 1986, ch. 838, § 4.