

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3183

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGAUGH.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a commission for the study of trade with Ireland.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 620.4100, to read as follows:

**620.4100. 1. There is hereby established in the department of economic
2 development the "Missouri Ireland Trade Commission", which shall be composed of the
3 following nine members:**

4 **(1) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
5 senate, who shall have knowledge of, or current or past involvement in, organizations
6 that promote Irish affairs, or have interest in the well-being of trade relations between
7 this state and Ireland;**

8 **(2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of
9 the house of representatives, who have knowledge of, or current or past involvement in,
10 organizations that promote Irish affairs, or have interest in the well-being of trade
11 relations between this state and Ireland; and**

12 **(3) Three members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of
13 the senate, who shall include the following:**

14 **(a) One member who represents a public institution of higher education in this
15 state;**

16 **(b) One member who represents a statewide organization that advances business
17 interests in this state; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (c) **One member who represents Irish-American communities or interest in this**
19 **state.**

20 **2. The commission shall study potential means of advancing the following:**

21 **(1) Bilateral trade and investment between this state and Ireland;**

22 **(2) Policy issues of mutual interest to this state and Ireland;**

23 **(3) Business and academic exchanges between this state and Ireland;**

24 **(4) Mutual economic support between this state and Ireland;**

25 **(5) Mutual investment in the infrastructure of this state and Ireland; and**

26 **(6) Any other issues as determined by the commission.**

27 **3. Members of the commission shall be appointed not later than ninety days**
28 **after the effective date of this section. Members of the commission appointed from the**
29 **general assembly shall serve terms of two years or for the remainder of the member's**
30 **term, whichever is less. Members of the commission appointed by the governor shall**
31 **serve terms of four years. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same**
32 **manner as the original appointment.**

33 **4. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but may be**
34 **reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within the**
35 **limits of funds available to the commission for such purposes.**

36 **5. The commission shall meet and hold hearings at the places it designates**
37 **throughout the state. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among the**
38 **members of the commission. The chairperson may appoint from the commission**
39 **members of subcommittees and subcommittee chairpersons at the chairperson's**
40 **discretion. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum**
41 **for the transaction of the business of the commission.**

42 **6. Not later than fifteen months after the effective date of this section, and**
43 **annually thereafter, the commission shall issue a report of its activities during the**
44 **preceding year and any associated findings and recommendations to the governor, the**
45 **president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives.**

46 **7. The commission may raise funds through direct solicitation or other**
47 **fundraising events alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and bequests**
48 **from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental agencies, and public and**
49 **private organizations and institutions. The funds, gifts, grants, or bequests received**
50 **pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the "Missouri Ireland Trade Commission**
51 **Fund", which is hereby created in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall be**
52 **custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer**
53 **may approve disbursements. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the**
54 **contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert**

55 **to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the**
56 **fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned**
57 **on such investments shall be credited to the fund. The commission shall use the fund to**
58 **defray the commission's administrative expenses and to carry out its purposes as**
59 **provided in this section.**

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