

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

May 16, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to the membership of the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor commission; and to amend chapter 595 of the laws of 2007 amending the parks, recreation and historic preservation law relating to establishing the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor commission in Buffalo, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 41.05 of the parks, recre-  
2 ation and historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 283 of the  
3 laws of 2016, is designated subdivision 1 and is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 1. The commission is hereby established as a not-for-profit corpo-  
6 ration. The commission shall be governed by the not-for-profit corpo-  
7 ration law except where such law conflicts with this article, in which  
8 case the provisions of this article shall govern. The commission shall  
9 consist of up to [~~thirteen~~ eleven] voting members and seven non-voting  
10 ex-officio members. One member each shall be appointed by the governor,  
11 the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.  
12 Other members shall include the mayor of the city of Buffalo, or his or  
13 her designee, a representative of museum studies at the state university  
14 of New York College at Buffalo, [~~two representatives~~ one representative  
15 of the department of Afro-American studies at the state university of  
16 New York at Buffalo, [~~a representative from the Monroe Fordham regional~~  
17 ~~history center at the state university of New York College at Buffalo,~~  
18 a representative from WUFO Studios, and a representative from each board  
19 governing the J. Edward Nash House, the Michigan Street Baptist Church,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the Langston Hughes Institute, and the Colored Musicians Club. All  
2 appointments shall be residents of the city of Buffalo, but the commis-  
3 sion has the authority to waive this requirement at its discretion. In  
4 addition, seven non-voting members shall serve ex-officio: the secretary  
5 of state, the commissioners of the office of parks, recreation and  
6 historic preservation, environmental conservation, economic development  
7 and education, one member from the congregation of the Michigan Street  
8 Baptist Church or their designee and the president of the city of  
9 Buffalo's convention and visitor's bureau, or their designees. Appoint-  
10 ments to the commission shall be filed with the commissioner who shall  
11 convene the first meeting of the commission following the filing of a  
12 majority of the appointments. At the initial meeting, the members of the  
13 commission shall elect officers.

14 § 2. Section 3 of chapter 595 of the laws of 2007, amending the parks,  
15 recreation and historic preservation law relating to establishing the  
16 Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor commission in  
17 Buffalo, as amended by chapter 150 of the laws of 2017, is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section two  
20 of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, [~~2019~~]  
21 2020.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however the  
23 amendments made to section 41.05 of the parks, recreation and historic  
24 preservation law made by section one of this act shall not affect the  
25 repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.