

## Summary of H.R. 512

### To create a commission to study and report on establishment of a National Museum of the American Latino

- Sec. 1** Title is “the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007’.”
- Sec. 2** No later than 6 months after the date of the enactment there would be 23 members of the commission, appointed as follows:
- 7 members by the President;
  - 3 voting and 1 non-voting members by the Speaker;
  - 3 voting and 1 non-voting members by the House Minority Leader;
  - 3 voting and 1 non-voting by the Senate Majority Leader; and
  - 3 voting and 1 non-voting by the Senate Minority Leader.
- Members of the Commission should be experienced with planning for and the administration of similar museums; or have a demonstrated commitment to the research or promotion of American Latino life, art, culture, history, etc., and possess expertise in museum administration, fundraising, or other relevant experience.
- Sec. 3** The Commission will be tasked with producing the following:
- A national conference within 9 months of being formed;
  - A fundraising plan within 18 months; and
  - A report on the following issues
    - The availability and cost of collections to be acquired and housed in the Museum.
    - The impact of the Museum on regional Hispanic- and Latino-related museums.
    - Possible locations for the Museum in Washington, DC and its environs, to be considered in consultation with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.
    - Whether the Museum should be located within the Smithsonian Institution.
    - The governance and organizational structure from which the Museum should operate.
    - How to engage the American Latino community in the development and design of the Museum.
- Sec. 4** Establishes that the Commission will be housed by the Department of Interior, which shall provide facilities, administrative support, reimbursement, and travel expenses on a per diem basis.
- Sec. 5** Sets deadlines for the report and the termination of the commission.
- Sec. 6** Authorizes appropriations of \$3.2 million over two years (\$2,100,000 for the first fiscal year after enactment and \$1,100,000 for the second fiscal after enactment).

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