

# **Initiative Petition for a Law to Create a Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission**

**Be it Enacted by the People, and by their authority:**

SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 6 of this 2012 Act shall be known and may be cited as the Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission Act.

SECTION 2. (1) The Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission is established as an independent commission for the purpose of investigating events that relate to September 11, 2001.

(2) The commission shall investigate in a fair and impartial manner the circumstances of September 11, 2001, including the events leading up to and the events that occurred in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. The commission shall investigate:

(a) The destruction of the World Trade Center Towers: WTC 1, WTC 2, WTC 7 in New York City;

(b) The attack on the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia;

(c) The crash of United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania;

(d) The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq by the United States;

(e) The Global War on Terror; and

(f) Any other issue the commission deems relevant and necessary to its duties, functions and powers.

(3) The commission shall consider the findings, and the shortcomings of the findings, of any previous investigations of the events of September 11, 2001, and the events leading up to and occurring in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, including but not limited to:

(a) The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; and

(b) The Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

(4) The commission shall produce a written report detailing the commission's investigation and findings. The report shall describe:

(a) Any criminal activity, including a war crime or a crime against humanity;

(b) Any individual or corporation that unduly profited from the events investigated by the commission;

(c) Any other malfeasance and any perpetrators of the malfeasance; and

(d) Any other findings made by the commission.

(5) The commission shall deliver the report to the following persons or entities in this state and the analogous persons or entities in any state that has entered the joint powers agreement as described in section 3 of this 2012 Act:

(a) The Governor;

(b) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and

(c) The Legislature.

(6) The commission shall complete all of the commission's duties, functions and powers conclude its investigation and complete the delivery of the written report no later than January 1, 2015. The commission shall be dissolved no later than February 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. (1) The Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission established under section 2 of this 2012 Act may enter into a joint powers agreement with another state in the manner described in this section. The commission may enter into a joint powers agreement with another state that has enacted a law similar to this 2012 Act or a law that expresses a clear intent to enter a joint powers agreement. The joint powers of the commission shall extend to any state that enters into a joint powers agreement under this section.

(2) The Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission shall have and may exercise all investigatory powers of each state that has entered the joint powers agreement, including but not limited to the power of subpoena in that state and the power to take testimony under oath.

(3) Any state or local government or other public entity may, as an alternative to entering into a joint powers agreement, endorse the investigation by the Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission by passing, adopting or otherwise submitting to the commission a resolution expressing endorsement of the commission.

SECTION 4. (1) The Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission shall consist of at least 15 members and shall consist of an odd number of members.

(2) The Citizens 9/11 Investigation Commission Campaign Steering Committee, incorporated in the State of California, shall select 15 or more persons to serve as the initial members of the commission. The initial members shall appoint an executive director to serve at the pleasure of the commission.

(3) The executive director may appoint additional members from among candidates nominated by any citizen of the United States.

(4) Membership preference shall be given to persons who have expertise in specific areas or subjects that would assist the commission in carrying out the commission's duties and objectives.

(5) The executive director shall appoint a special prosecutor to serve at the pleasure of the commission. The special prosecutor shall conduct the investigation and compile the written report described in section 2 (4) of this 2012 Act and shall report to the commission.

(6) The executive director, special prosecutor and any member of the commission may be removed from the commission by a two-thirds vote of the commission. The commission shall replace members of the commission by majority vote.

(7) Each member of the commission shall execute the following oath or affirmation of office as a condition of service, "I, (name), hereby swear or affirm that I will, to the best of my ability, defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the principle of truth in governance in investigating the circumstances of September 11, 2001, including the events leading up to and the events that occurred in the aftermath of September 11, 2001."

(8) The commission may enter into contracts and hire any staff the commission deems necessary.

(9) The commission shall adopt rules and procedures necessary to carry out the commission's duties under sections 2 to 6 of this 2012 Act.

SECTION 5. (1) The 9/11 Citizens Investigation Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall, subject to appropriation by the state legislature, be used by the Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission to carry out the duties, functions and powers of the commission.

(2) The Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission may accept contributions of moneys and assistance from the United States Government or its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the moneys that are not inconsistent with the duties of the commission. All moneys received by the commission under this subsection shall be deposited into the Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Fund established under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall contractually agree to be a party to the interstate Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission, established under section 3 of this 2012 Act, subject to appropriation.

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