



IT'S BEEN ALMOST 40 YEARS SINCE AMERICA TOOK A GOOD HARD LOOK AT OUR POPULATION-RELATED PROBLEMS...IT IS LONG PAST TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY!

***PLEASE ACT TODAY TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THIS ISSUE!***

xSenator/Congressman XXXXXXx, we are pleased to present a copy of the actual law that passed Congress on March 16, 1970, which created the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future (also known as the Rockefeller Commission).

As you can see it will not take a major revision of this text to bring forth a similar Joint Resolution that could bring forth a new U.S. Commission on Population Growth that can look to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and make the critical recommendations we need today to address reigning in America's population growth before so many of our nation's critical problems spin out of control due to overwhelming population numbers.

Without taking critical action today, U.S. population is projected to soar to 450 million people by 2050 – just 41 years from now! Time is of the essence, we hope we can count on your taking a leadership role in sponsoring an updated version of this legislation in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

TEXT OF THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION GROWTH AND THE AMERICAN FUTURE FOUR DECADES AGO.

**Public Law 91-213**  
91st Congress, S. 2701  
March 16, 1970

## **AN ACT**

To establish a Commission on Population Growth and the American Future.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future is hereby established to conduct and sponsor such recommendations as may be necessary to provide information and education to all levels of government in the United States, and to our people, regarding a broad range of problems associated with population growth and their implications for America's future.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION**

Sec. 2. (a) The Commission on Population Growth and the American Future (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") shall be composed of—

(1) two Members of the Senate who shall be members of different political parties and who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two Members of the House of Representatives who shall be members of different political parties and who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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(3) not to exceed twenty members appointed by the President.

(b) The President shall designate one of the members to serve as Chairman and one to serve as Vice Chairman of the Commission.

(c) The majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may conduct hearings.

#### COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Sec. 3. (a) Members of the Commission who are officers or full-time employees of the

United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

(b) Members of the Commission who are not officers or full-time employees of the United States shall each receive \$100 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission.

(c) All members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

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83 Stat. 190.

#### DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

Sec. 4. The Commission shall conduct an inquiry into the following aspects of population growth in the United States and its foreseeable social consequences:

(1) the probable course of population growth, internal migration, and related demographic developments between now and the year 2000;

(2) the resources in the public sector of the economy that will be required to deal with the anticipated growth in population;

(3) the ways in which population growth may affect the activities of Federal, State, and local government;

(4) the impact of population growth on environmental pollution and on the depletion of natural resources; and

(5) the various means appropriate to the ethical values and principles of this society by which our Nation can achieve a population level properly suited for its environmental, natural resources, and other needs.

#### STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

Sec. 5. (a) The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director and such other personnel as the Commission deems necessary without regard to the provisions of title 5 of the United States Code governing appointments in the competitive service and shall fix the compensation of such personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subtitle II of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates: *Provided*, That no personnel so appointed shall receive compensation in excess of the rate authorized for GS-18 by section 5332 of such title.

80 Stat. 378. 5 USC 101 et seq. 80 Stat. 443, 459.

(b) The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, is authorized to obtain services in accordance with the provisions of section 3109 of title 5 of the United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent of the rate authorized for GS-18 by section 5332 of such title.

34 F. R 9605. 5UDC 5332 note. 80 Stat. 416.

(c) The Commission is authorized to enter into contracts with public agencies, private firms, institutions, and individuals for the conduct of research and surveys, the preparation of reports, and other activities necessary to the discharge of its duties.

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#### GOVERNMENT AGENCY COOPERATION

Sec. 6. The Commission is authorized to request from any Federal department or agency any information and assistance it deems necessary to carry out its functions; and each such department or agency is authorized to cooperate with the Commission and, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information and assistance to the Commission upon request made by the Chairman or any other member when acting as Chairman.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Sec. 7. The General Services Administration shall provide administrative services for the Commission on a reimbursable basis.

## REPORTS OF COMMISSION:

### TERMINATION

Sec. 8. In order that the President and the Congress may be kept advised of the progress of its work, the Commission shall, from time to time, report to the President and the Congress such significant findings and recommendations as it deems advisable. The Commission shall submit an interim report to the President and the Congress one year after it is established and shall submit its final report two years after the enactment of this Act. The Commission shall cease to exist sixty days after the date of the submission of its final report.

### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

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Sec. 9. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved March 16, 1970.