

Amendment to SB 103

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT including the raid on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in the planning of the  
4 American revolution sestercentennial commission.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Duties; Sestercentennial Commission; Fort William and Mary. Amend RSA 17-S:3 to read as  
9 follows:

10 17-S:3 Duties. The commission shall:

11 I. Lead New Hampshire's planning efforts to commemorate the significance of the American  
12 Revolution and Declaration of Independence to our state and national history, ***including the raid***  
13 ***on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in December 1774 which included the first shots***  
14 ***fired in the American Revolution.***

15 II. Make recommendations outlining the most effective and appropriate means for the state  
16 of New Hampshire to commemorate the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence  
17 sestercentennial celebration.

18 III. Identify and pursue resources necessary to effectively communicate and implement  
19 commemorative activities.

20 IV. Implement recommendations by working with the office of the governor, appropriate  
21 state and local government agencies, members of the New Hampshire general court, organizations,  
22 and individuals that are interested in commemorating the American Revolution and signing of the  
23 Declaration of Independence.

24 V. Coordinate communications with the United States sestercentennial commission to  
25 ensure that New Hampshire will be a significant state for events recognizing the American  
26 Revolution and signing of the Declaration of Independence.

27 VI. Coordinate scheduling of New Hampshire American Revolution sestercentennial  
28 activities and coordinate activities with the national commission.

29 VII. Solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity with information or  
30 expertise relative to the commission's charge.

31 VIII. Plan a publicly noticed and publicized event for July 4, 2026, relating to the American  
32 Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

1            *IX. Plan a publicly noticed and publicized event for December 14, 2026, relating to*  
2            *the raid on Fort William and Mary, now named Fort Constitution.*

3            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill includes the raid on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in the planning of the American revolution sesetercentennial commission.