



Ohio Revised Code

Section 149.302 National museum of Afro-American history and culture.

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(A) The Ohio history connection, in addition to its other functions, shall establish a museum in the vicinity of Wilberforce to be known as the national museum of Afro-American history and culture. For this purpose the Ohio history connection may accept donations of money, property, and personal services, apply for and receive federal assistance, acquire real property or any estate, right, or interest therein, construct buildings, access roads, parking areas, and other appropriate facilities for museum visitors, and exercise any powers incidental to such purpose. The Ohio history connection shall establish the museum in consultation with the national museum of Afro-American history and culture planning committee established in section 149.303 of the Revised Code. The Ohio history connection shall consult with the committee before selecting a museum site and before acquiring or accepting any real property for such purpose. It shall consult with the committee on the design, plans, and specifications for the construction or modification of any buildings and other museum visitation facilities. The Ohio history connection, in cooperation and consultation with the committee, shall establish an acquisition policy for the museum.

Donations of money received under this section shall be placed in a separate fund within the accounts of the Ohio history connection to be used solely for the necessary expenses of the Ohio history connection incurred in the performance of its duties under this section.

(B) After the Ohio history connection establishes the national museum of Afro-American history and culture, the Ohio history connection shall convey title to the museum and its contents to a private, nonprofit organization which shall operate and maintain the museum. The Ohio history connection shall determine the conditions of the conveyance, and the conveyance and the conditions of the conveyance are subject to approval by the national museum of Afro-American history and culture planning committee. The Ohio history connection shall operate and maintain the museum until the museum and its contents are conveyed as provided in this section. Any historical items or artifacts donated to the Ohio history connection, or to the private, nonprofit organization to which the Ohio history connection has conveyed the museum and its contents, for placement in the museum, shall remain at the museum as part of its permanent collection. The organization to which the Ohio history



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connection has conveyed the museum and its contents shall consult with the committee concerning the operation and maintenance of the museum.

(C) Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.