

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
80R3470 MTB-F

H.B. 1023
By: Berman (Watson)
Government Organization
4/30/2007
Engrossed

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the reconstruction of the Texas Commission on the Arts (commission), a mini-grant process was created to make access to grants more efficient. Current state law reflects only the commission's annual grant process and does not reflect all of the commission's current rules and practices.

H.B. 1023 amends current state law to properly reflect the current rules and practices of the commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission on the Arts in SECTION 1 (Section 444.024, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 444.024, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 444.024. GRANTS. (a) Authorizes the Texas Commission on the Arts (commission) to make grants for any purpose consistent with the purposes of this chapter (Texas Commission on the Arts).

(b) Redesignates this subsection from existing Subsection (a).

(c) Redesignates this subsection from existing Subsection (b). Requires the commission, before making a grant of money of \$500 or more, to submit the grant application to a panel of commission consultants for its recommendations, including a determination of the reasonableness of the proposed amounts of funding.

(d) Requires the commission to approve a grant of \$500 or more. Authorizes the commission by rule to delegate the authority to approve a grant of less than \$500 to the executive director of the commission (executive director). Requires the commission to review a grant approved by the executive director at the next regular meeting after the approval.

(e) Redesignates this subsection from existing Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.