

1-1 By: Berman (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 1023
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 8, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to grants made by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 444.024, Government Code, is amended to
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 444.024. GRANTS. (a) The commission may make grants
1-13 for any purpose consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

1-14 (b) An applicant for a grant of money from the commission
1-15 shall specify in the grant application a minimum and maximum amount
1-16 of money requested.

1-17 (c) [~~(b)~~] Before making a grant of money of \$500 or more,
1-18 the commission shall submit the grant application to a panel of
1-19 commission consultants for its recommendations, including a [~~. The~~
1-20 ~~panel shall include in its recommendations its~~] determination of
1-21 the reasonableness of the proposed amounts of funding.

1-22 (d) The commission must approve a grant of \$500 or more. The
1-23 commission by rule may delegate the authority to approve a grant of
1-24 less than \$500 to the executive director. The commission shall
1-25 review a grant approved by the executive director at the
1-26 commission's next regular meeting after the approval.

1-27 (e) [~~(c)~~] The commission by rule shall adopt equitable
1-28 procedures for the distribution of grants to recipients who reflect
1-29 the geographical, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the state's
1-30 population.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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