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S.B. No. 202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 444.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Commission on the Arts is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2025 [~~2013~~].

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 444.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 444.003. COMPOSITION; TERMS.

SECTION 3. Section 444.003, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The commission is composed of nine [~~17~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The members must represent a diverse cross-section of the [~~all~~] fields of the arts and be widely known for their professional competence and experience in connection with the arts. At least two members must be residents of a county with a population of less than 50,000. Appointments to the commission shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or

1 national origin of the appointees.

2 (c) Members of the commission serve staggered terms of six  
3 years.

4 SECTION 4. Section 444.024, Government Code, is amended by  
5 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
6 follows:

7 (a) The commission may award grants in accordance with the  
8 commission's mission to advance the state economically and  
9 culturally by investing in the arts in this state.

10 (a-1) An applicant for a grant of money from the commission  
11 shall specify in the grant application a minimum and maximum amount  
12 of money requested.

13 SECTION 5. (a) The six positions on the Texas Commission  
14 on the Arts that have terms scheduled to expire on August 31, 2013,  
15 are abolished on that date.

16 (b) Two of the six positions on the Texas Commission on the  
17 Arts with terms scheduled to expire on August 31, 2015, are  
18 abolished on that date.

19 (c) In appointing members to the Texas Commission on the  
20 Arts for terms scheduled to begin September 1, 2015, the governor  
21 shall appoint three members to the commission for terms expiring  
22 August 31, 2021, and one member to the commission for a term  
23 expiring August 31, 2019.

24 (d) In appointing members to the Texas Commission on the  
25 Arts for terms scheduled to begin September 1, 2017, the governor  
26 shall appoint three members to the commission for terms expiring  
27 August 31, 2023, and two members to the commission for terms

1 expiring August 31, 2019.

2 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
3 last day of the legislative session.