

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. Two of the three members appointed to the
24 commission for terms expiring August 31, 2021, must be residents of
25 a county with a population of less than 50,000, as provided by
26 Section 444.003, Government Code.

27 (d) In appointing members to the Texas Commission on the

1 Arts for terms scheduled to begin September 1, 2017, the governor
2 shall appoint three members to the commission for terms expiring
3 August 31, 2023, and two members to the commission for terms
4 expiring August 31, 2019.

5 (e) To the extent that the reduction in positions on the
6 Texas Commission on the Arts under this Act causes the composition
7 of the commission to violate the residency requirement of
8 Subsection (a), Section 444.003, Government Code, that provision of
9 law is suspended from the effective date of this Act until September
10 1, 2015.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 202 passed the Senate on March 27, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 7, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 202 passed the House, with amendment, on April 30, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 26, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor