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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.