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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 248

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the establishment of
7 the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and
8 defining the Council's powers and duties;
9 and providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. (a) It is hereby found that many of our citi-
12 zens lack the opportunity to view, enjoy, or participate in
13 living theatrical performances, musical concerts, operas, dance
14 and ballet recitals, art exhibits, examples of fine architecture,
15 and the performing and fine arts generally. It is hereby further
16 found that, with increasing leisure time, the practice and
17 enjoyment of the arts are of increasing importance and that the
18 general welfare of the people of the state will be promoted by
19 giving further recognition to the arts as a vital aspect of our
20 culture and heritage and as a valued means of expanding the
21 scope of our education programs.

22 (b) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to
23 join with private patrons and with institutions and professional
24 organizations concerned with the arts to insure that the role of
25 the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow
26 and will play an ever more significant part in the welfare and
27 educational experience of our citizens.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

29 Sec. 44.19.500. CREATION. There is created in the

1 office of the governor an Alaska State Council on the Arts.

2 Sec. 44.19.510. COMPOSITION. The Alaska State Council
3 on the Arts shall consist of 11 members, broadly repre-
4 sentative of all fields of the performing, visual, and
5 fine arts, who are widely known for their competence and
6 experience or interest in connection with the performing,
7 visual, and fine arts.

8 Sec. 44.19.520. APPOINTMENT. The members shall be
9 appointed by the governor from among citizens of Alaska.
10 In making such appointments, due consideration shall be
11 given to the recommendations made by representative civic,
12 educational, and professional associations and groups,
13 concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation
14 of the performing, visual, and fine arts generally. In
15 making such appointments consideration shall be given to
16 having state-wide geographical representation on the council.

17 Sec. 44.19.530. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office
18 of each member shall be three years; provided, however, that
19 of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for
20 terms of one year, four for terms of two years, and four
21 for terms of three years. All vacancies shall be filled for
22 the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as
23 original appointments.

24 Sec. 44.19.540. COMPENSATION. The members of the
25 council shall not receive any compensation for their ser-
26 vices, but they shall receive the same travel pay and per
27 diem as state officials and employees.

28 Sec. 44.19.550. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The
29 governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman

1 from the members of the council to serve as such at the
2 pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief
3 executive officer of the council.

4 Sec. 44.19.560. DUTIES OF COUNCIL. The duties of the
5 council shall be

6 (1) to stimulate and encourage throughout the
7 state the study and presentation of the performing, visual,
8 and fine arts and public interest and participation therein;

9 (2) to make such surveys as may be deemed
10 advisable of public and private institutions engaged within
11 the state in artistic and cultural activities, including
12 but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, painting,
13 sculpture, architecture, and allied arts and crafts, and
14 to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to
15 encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts to
16 meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all
17 parts of the state;

18 (3) to take such steps as may be necessary and
19 appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural
20 heritage of our state and to expand the state's cultural
21 resources; and

22 (4) to encourage and assist freedom of artistic
23 expression essential for the well being of the arts.

24 Sec. 44.19.570. POWERS OF COUNCIL. The council is
25 hereby authorized and empowered to hold public and private
26 hearings, to enter into contracts, within the limit of
27 funds available therefor, with individuals, organizations,
28 and institutions for services furthering the educational
29 objectives of the council's programs; to enter into

1 contracts, within the limit of funds available therefor,
2 with local and regional associations for cooperative
3 endeavors furthering the educational objectives of the
4 council's programs; to accept gifts, contributions, and
5 bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations,
6 corporations, and other organizations or institutions for
7 the purpose of furthering the educational objectives of the
8 council's programs; to make and sign any agreements and to
9 do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out
10 the purposes of this Act. The council may request and shall
11 receive from any department, division, board, bureau, com-
12 mission, or agency of the state such assistance and data
13 as will enable it properly to carry out its powers and
14 duties herein. The council is authorized to receive state
15 funds made available for its purposes.

16 Sec. 44.19.580. POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The chairman
17 may employ, and at pleasure remove, such experts and other
18 employees as may be needed and fix their compensation within
19 the amounts made available for such purposes.

20 Sec. 44.19.590. REPORTS. The council shall make an
21 interim report to the governor and the legislature not later
22 than May 1, 1966, and from time to time thereafter.

23 Sec. 44.19.600. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS. The council
24 is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse
25 any funds made available by the National Endowment for the
26 Arts.

27 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
28 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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