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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

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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 intarest 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 oitizens 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 The members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of the
18 governor and their appointments shall not be subject to
19 legislative confirmation.

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

27 Sec. 44.19.540. COMPENSATION. The members of the
28 council shall not receive any compensation for their ser-
29 vices, but they shall receive the same travel pay and per

1 diem as state officials and employees.

2 Sec. 44.19.550. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The
3 governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman
4 from the members of the council to serve as such at the
5 pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief
6 executive officer of the council.

7 Sec. 44.19.560. DUTIES OF COUNCIL. The duties of the
8 council shall be

9 (1) to stimulate and encourage throughout the
10 state the study and presentation of the performing, visual,
11 and fine arts and public interest and participation therein;

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

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

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

27 Sec. 44.19.570. POWERS OF COUNCIL. The council is
28 hereby authorized and empowered to hold public and private
29 hearings, to enter into contracts, within the limit of

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

19 Sec. 44.19.580. POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The chairman may,
20 with the concurrence of a majority of the council, employ
21 and remove such experts and other employees as may be needed
22 and fix their compensation within the amounts made available
23 for such purposes.

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

27 Sec. 44.19.600. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS. The council
28 is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse
29 any funds made available by the National Endowment for the

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

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