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HOUSE BILL NO. 607

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to selecting and identifying art in

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public places."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 35.27 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 35.27.021. SELECTION OF ART. (a) The artist who executes

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a work of art for a public school shall be selected by the superin-

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tendent of the school district in which the public school is to be

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built, with the approval of the school board. If the department finds

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in the best interest of the state that the selection by the superin-

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tendent of the artist to execute the work of art may result in a cost

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overrun to the state or delay of construction, the department shall

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make the selection of the artist in consultation with the superinten-

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(b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, art projects for

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public buildings and facilities shall be selected by a majority vote

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of a committee convened by the project manager from the department.

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The committee shall be composed of the architect, the project manager

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from the department, a designee of the Alaska State Council on the

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Arts, a designee of the principal user of the public building or

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facility, and three lay members of the public. The department shall

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solicit volunteers in a local project area by public notice, and

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choose the lay members of the committee by lottery from the volun-

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teers. Before consideration of specific art projects, the committee

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shall, after public notice, hold a hearing to receive public opinion

1       about potential art projects. The committee shall consider public  
2       opinion as expressed at the public hearing, but is not bound by it.

3       \* Sec. 2. AS 44.27.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4               (e) A work of art that is to be made a permanent part of a  
5       building or facility owned or leased by the state shall be identified  
6       by a permanent plaque installed on or near the work of art. The  
7       plaque must contain the name or title of the work of art, the year of  
8       completion, and the names of the members of the selection committee.

9       \* Sec. 3. AS 35.27.020(e) and (f) are repealed.