

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL ENABLING LEGISLATION

The following bill was passed by the Illinois legislature on June 10, 1965.

Senate Bill 294 - An Act creating the Illinois Arts Council, defining its powers and duties and making an appropriation in connection therewith.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:

SECTION 1. There is created the Illinois Arts Council composed of not less than 13 nor more than 21 members to be appointed by the Governor. In making initial appointments, the Governor shall designate approximately one-half of the members to serve for 4 years, each term of office to commence July 1, 1965. Thereafter, all appointments shall be made for a 4-year term. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Council from among the members thereof.

SECTION 2. No member may receive compensation for his services, but each member may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after this Act becomes effective, the members shall meet and organize and designate, by majority vote, some person to act as Secretary, who shall keep record of all proceedings. The Council shall act officially only in a meeting duly called by the Chairman or at a regular meeting fixed by resolution of the Council, adopted by majority vote.

SECTION 4. The Council has the power and duty (a) to survey and assess the needs of the arts, both visual and performing, throughout the state; (b) to identify existing legislation, policies and programs which affect the arts and to evaluate their effectiveness; (c) to stimulate public understanding and recognition of the importance of cultural institutions in Illinois; (d) to promote an encouraging atmosphere for creative artists residing in Illinois; (e) to encourage the use of local resources for the development and support of the arts; and (f) to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly biennially, on or about the third Monday in January of each odd-numbered year, the results of and its recommendations based upon its investigations.

SECTION 5. The Council may accept offers of gifts or grants from the federal government, its agencies or officers, or from any person, firm or corporation of services, equipment, or projects which it considers suitable to performance of its duties under this act.

SECTION 6. The Council may employ an executive director, a secretary and such clerical, technical and other employees and assistants as it considers necessary for the proper transaction of its business.

SECTION 7. The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Arts Council for salaries, travel expenses, and payment of such other expenses as are attendant upon the establishment and maintenance of an office for the Council.

AMENDMENT TO ENABLING LEGISLATION, AUGUST 3, 1977

There is created the Illinois Arts Council composed of not less than 13 nor more than 35 members to be appointed by the Governor. In making initial appointments, the Governor shall designate approximately one-half of the members to serve for 2 years, and the balance of the members to serve for 4 years, each term of office to commence July 1, 1965. Thereafter, all appointments shall be made for a 4-year term. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Council from among the members thereof.

ENABLING LEGISLATION

The following bill was passed by the Illinois legislature on July 1, 2003.

Amendment: This Act may be cited as the Arts Council Act by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following: The Arts Council Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, and 6 as follows:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:

SECTION 1. Council created. There is created the Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the State of Illinois. Until July 1, 2003 or when all of the new members to be initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs later, the Illinois Arts Council shall be composed of not less than 13 nor more than 35 members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a senior citizen age 60 or over.

The term of each appointed member of the Council who is in office on June 30, 2003 shall terminate at the close of business on that date or when all of the new members to be initially appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs later.

Beginning on July 1, 2003, or when all of the new members to initially be appointed under this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly have been appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs later, the Illinois Arts Council shall be composed of 21 members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a senior citizen age 60 or over.

In making initial appointments pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Governor shall designate approximately one-half of the members to serve for 2 years, and the balance of the members to serve for 4 years, each term of office to end on July 1. Thereafter, all appointments shall be made for a 4 year term. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Council from among the members thereof.

SECTION 2. Expenses. No member may receive compensation for his services, but each member may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. A member of the Council who experiences a significant financial hardship, due to the loss of income on days of attendance at meetings or while otherwise engaged in the business of the Council, may be paid a hardship allowance, as determined by and subject to the approval of the Governor's Travel Control Board.

SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after this Act becomes effective, the members shall meet and organize and designate, by majority vote, some person to act as Secretary, who shall keep record of all proceedings. The Council shall act officially only in a meeting duly called by the Chairman or at a regular meeting fixed by resolution of the Council, adopted by majority vote.

SECTION 4. The Council has the power and duty (a) to survey and assess the needs of the arts, both visual and performing, throughout the state; (b) to identify existing legislation, policies and programs which affect the arts and to evaluate their effectiveness; (c) to stimulate public understanding and recognition of the importance of cultural institutions in Illinois; (d) to promote an encouraging atmosphere for creative artists residing in Illinois; (e) to encourage the use of local resources for the development and support of the arts; and (f) to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly biennially, on or about the third Monday in January of each odd-numbered year, the results of and its recommendations based upon its investigations.

The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker, the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law in relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25, 1874, as amended, and filing such additional copies with the State Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

SECTION 5. The Council may accept offers of gifts or grants from the federal government, its agencies or officers, or from any person, firm or corporation of services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds and may expend such receipts on projects which it considers suitable to performance of its duties under this act.

SECTION 6. Employees; operational services.

(a.) The Council may employ an executive director, a secretary and such clerical, technical and other employees and assistants, as it considers necessary for the proper transaction of its business.

(b.) The Department of Central Management Services shall provide to the Illinois Arts Council the same type and level of services as it provides to other State agencies, including but not limited to office space, communications, facilities management, and any other operational services that the Department provides to other State offices and agencies, as necessary to fulfill the Council's statutory mandate.