

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 164
SENATE BILL 176

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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5 **Section 1.** Appointment of Members. There is hereby created in the Department of
6 Administration the North Carolina Arts Council. The term "arts" includes, but is not limited to:
7 music, dance, drama, creative writing, architecture and allied fields, painting, sculpture,
8 photography, crafts, television, radio, and the execution and exhibition of such major art forms.
9 The Council shall consist of 24 members, to be appointed by the Governor from among the
10 citizens of North Carolina.

11 The Governor shall appoint the Chairman, upon nomination by the Council. The
12 Council may elect other officers as deemed necessary.

13 **Sec. 2.** Terms of Office; Compensation; Vacancies. The term of office of each
14 member shall be three years, provided, however, that of the members first appointed, eight shall
15 be appointed for terms of one year, eight for terms of two years, and eight for terms of three
16 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original
17 appointment. Membership on the Council shall be limited to two successive terms: Provided, a
18 member may be reappointed after one year has elapsed since the end of the second term.

19 Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for authorized expenses incurred in the
20 work of the Council, as provided for members of boards and committees under the general laws
21 of the State.

22 The Council shall meet annually, or more often on the call of the Chairman.

23 The Council is placed within the Department of Administration for administrative
24 purposes.

25 **Sec. 3.** Executive Director. The Council shall appoint, in accordance with the State
26 Personnel Act, an Executive Director who shall serve at the will of the Council. The Executive
27 Director of the Council shall select and appoint, in accordance with the State Personnel Act,
28 such other personnel as the Council shall determine to be necessary. The Executive Director
29 shall employ on a contractual basis such other consultants and /or staff persons as the Council
30 deems necessary, within funds allocated for such purposes.

31 **Sec. 4.** Duties of Council. The Council, through its Executive Director, staff and
32 members shall take action to carry out the following purposes as funds and staff permit:

- 33 (1) Study, collect, maintain, and otherwise disseminate factual data and
34 pertinent information relative to the arts;
- 35 (2) Assist local organizations and the community at large with needs, resources
36 and opportunities in the arts;
- 37 (3) Serve as an agency through which various public and non-public
38 organizations concerned with the arts can exchange information, coordinate
39 programs and stimulate joint endeavors;
- 40 (4) Identify research needs, encourage research and assist in obtaining funds for
41 research;

1 (5) Assist in bringing the highest obtainable quality in the arts to the State;
2 promote the maximum opportunity for the people to experience, enjoy, and
3 profit from those arts.

4 The Council shall, in addition to such other recommendations, studies and plans as
5 it may submit from time to time, submit a biennial report of progress to the Governor, and thus,
6 to the General Assembly.

7 **Sec. 5.** Appropriations; Funds. In addition to the appropriations out of the General
8 Fund of the State, the Council may accept gifts, bequests, devises, matching funds, or other
9 considerations for use in promoting the work of the Council.

10 **Sec. 6.** Any person appointed to the Council who holds any office, place of trust or
11 profit under the United States or North Carolina government, shall serve on the Council ex
12 officio and shall perform their duties on the Council in addition to their regular duties imposed
13 by law.

14 **Sec. 7.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

15 **Sec. 8.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

16 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of April,
17 1967.