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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1209

5 By: Representatives Hutchison, Copenhaver, Lenderman, McElroy, B. Wilkins  
6 By: Senator Bookout  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE FINE ARTS BY AUTHORIZING THE  
10 GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE AN ARTIST LAUREATE; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE AN ARTIST  
17 LAUREATE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 1-4-131. Artist laureate.

25 (a) The Governor may confer by proclamation the honorary title of  
26 "Artist Laureate of the State of Arkansas" in recognition of outstanding  
27 accomplishments and contributions in art by a person who is a resident of the  
28 State of Arkansas.

29 (b)(1) The person designated or appointed by the Governor as Artist  
30 Laureate of the State of Arkansas shall be a visual, performing, or literary  
31 artist who was nominated by one (1) or more Arkansans.

32 (2) The Governor may consult with educational institutions, state  
33 agencies, and members of the public to facilitate the selection process.

34 (c) The Artist Laureate shall serve a term of four (4) years or until  
35 a successor has been appointed for this honorary designation.  
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