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HOUSE BILL 1637

By: Representative Schexnayder

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE CAPITOL ART COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A
FOUR MEMBER COMMISSION TO WORK WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO
SOLICIT WORKS OF ART FOR DISPLAY IN THE STATE CAPITOL; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Capitol Art Commission.

SECTION 2. The Governor is authorized to appoint two (2) citizens and the Secretary of State is authorized to appoint two (2) citizens of the State of Arkansas, who, together with the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or a member appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or a member appointed by the President Pro Tempore, shall compose the Capitol Art Commission for the State Capitol. Such commission shall serve without compensation. Two (2) of the citizen members shall serve for four (4) years and two (2) of the citizen members shall serve for two (2) years, and their successors shall each, when appointed, serve for four (4) years.

Commission members may succeed themselves and shall serve until their successor is appointed.

SECTION 3. No statue, statuary, fountain, monument or memorial tablet shall be erected in the public areas of the State Capitol or on the grounds thereof without the consent in writing of said commission, nor shall any paintings, mural decorations or other ornaments be placed in the public areas of said building, nor shall the walls of the public areas of said building be decorated in any way without the consent of said commission, and said commission may cause the removal of any pictures, paintings, statues, monuments,

memorial tablets or fountains, and the obliteration of any decorations upon the walls of said Capitol building, which they may deem unworthy. The commission shall have the authority to establish by rule and regulation those areas of the State Capitol to be considered "public areas" for purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Capitol Art Commission shall have the right to accept donations in money, pictures, paintings, statuary, fountains and memorial tablets on behalf of the State for said State Capitol building, and in case of money shall have the right to expend the same in decorations, either in the building or on the grounds thereof, and to that end may make all necessary contracts for the expenditure of such funds.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

/s/Charlotte Schexnayder

