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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2131

By: Representative Williams

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CAPITOL MALL ARTS COLLECTION  
COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CREATE THE CAPITOL MALL ARTS  
COLLECTION COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 22, Chapter 3, is amended to add a new subchapter to read as follows:

### Subchapter 19

- Capitol Mall Arts Collection Commission.

#### 22-3-1901. Creation – Members.

(a)(1) There is created a Capitol Mall Arts Collection Commission.

(2) The commission shall be composed of seven (7) members as follows:

(A) The Governor or a designee;

(B) The Secretary of State or a designee who shall serve as the commission chair;

(C) The Director of the Arkansas Arts Center;

(D) The Director of the Central Arkansas Library System;

(E) An artist selected by the Secretary of State;

(G) An art curator selected by the Secretary of State; and

(H) One (1) citizen member at large to be appointed by the



1 Secretary of State.

2 (b) Members of the commission shall serve without pay, but they shall  
 3 be reimbursed by Secretary of State funds for reasonable and necessary  
 4 expenses in attending commission meetings and in the performance of duties of  
 5 the commission if funds are provided for the reimbursement in accordance with  
 6 the rate prescribed for state employees in state travel regulations.

7 (c)(1) The commission shall meet on the call of the chair or on  
 8 written request by any four (4) of its members.

9 (2) A majority vote of the voting members of the commission is  
 10 necessary for the adoption of any action by the commission.

11 (d)(1) The terms of office of the members of the commission appointed  
 12 by the Secretary of State shall be four (4) years.

13 (2) Appointments expire June 30.

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 15 22-3-1902. Powers and duties.

16 (a) The Capitol Mall Arts Commission shall recommend artwork to be  
 17 acquired for the State Capitol Building.

18 (b)(1) The commission may accept donations in money, pictures,  
 19 paintings, and other artwork on behalf of the state for the State Capitol  
 20 Building.

21 (2) The commission may make all necessary contracts for the  
 22 expenditure of the funds for artwork.

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 24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-3-503 is amended to read as follows:

25 22-3-503. Powers and duties.

26 (a) The Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission shall have the following  
 27 powers and duties:

28 (1) To recommend the acquisition of land for such expansion of  
 29 the State Capitol grounds as may be required to meet the needs of state  
 30 agencies;

31 (2) To review and recommend to the Secretary of State on the  
 32 location of monuments, memorials, fountains, and similar improvements on the  
 33 State Capitol grounds or for the relocation of existing monuments, memorials,  
 34 and fountains on the State Capitol grounds; and

35 (3) To review any permanent statue, statuary, fountain,  
 36 monument, or memorial tablet to be erected ~~in the public areas of the State~~

1 ~~Capitol Building or on its~~ the grounds of the State Capitol Building for  
2 compliance with the adopted plan.

3 (b) The commission shall have the right to accept donations in money,  
4 pictures, paintings, statuary fountains, and memorial tablets on behalf of  
5 the state for the State Capitol Building grounds. In cases of money  
6 donations, the commission shall have the right to expend the money in  
7 decorations, either in the building or on the grounds thereof. To that end,  
8 the commission may make all necessary contracts for the expenditure of the  
9 funds.

10 (c) Any monument on the State Capitol grounds approved by the  
11 commission must be authorized by an act of the General Assembly.