

[**ARTSGEORGIA** PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE GEORGIA
CODE RELATED TO THE GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS]

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Council for the Arts, so as
3 to revise certain provisions as to the number of members, terms, qualifications, selection of
4 Chair, power, authority, duties, and to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Council for the Arts, is amended by
10 revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-12-22, relating to the number of members,
11 terms, qualifications and selection, as follows:

12 "(a) The council shall consist of one member from each congressional district and one
13 member representing the state at large who shall be appointed by the Governor. All
14 members shall have demonstrated an interest in the arts, and they shall broadly represent all
15 fields of the performing, literary and fine arts. In making such appointments, due
16 consideration shall be given to the recommendations made by representative civic,
17 educational and professional associations and groups concerned with or engaged in the
18 production or presentation of the performing, literary and fine arts generally. Membership
19 on the council shall be limited to one five-year term, and a member may be reappointed
20 after a lapse of two years. The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic
21 Development, or his designee, shall be an ex officio member of the Council."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 50-12-22, relating to
24 the selection of a chairman, as follows:

25 "(d) The council shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from the members of the council to

26 serve at the pleasure of the council. The chair and the vice-chair shall be the executive
27 officers of the Council. The chair and vice-chair shall not receive any compensation for
28 their services.”

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 50-12-23, relating to powers and
31 duties with the additional duty, as follows:

32 "50-12-23.

33 “(7) The council within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year shall prepare with the
34 assistance of the Executive Director and the administrative staff an annual budget for the
35 following fiscal year and submit the proposed budget to the Governor and to the
36 commissioner of economic development.”

37 **SECTION 4.**

38 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 50-12-24, relating to the annual
39 report as follows:

40 "50-12-24.

41 “The council shall submit an annual written report to the Governor and to the
42 commissioner of economic development concerning the appropriate methods to encourage
43 participation in and appreciation of the arts in order to meet the legitimate needs and
44 aspirations of persons in all parts of this state.”

45 **SECTION 5.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.