

**STATE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS**  
**Act 48 of 1966**

AN ACT to establish a state council for the arts; and to define the council's powers and duties.

**History:** 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

**Compiler's note:** For abolition of the State Council for the Arts, created in the Department of Administration, now the Department of Management and Budget, and transferring its powers, duties, and functions to the Director of the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-13, compiled at MCL 2.131 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For establishment of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs within the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-18, compiled at MCL 2.132 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For the renaming of the Michigan council for arts and cultural affairs to the Michigan arts and culture council, see E.R.O. No. 2022-1, compiled at MCL 333.27002.

For the authority of the Michigan arts and culture council to exercise certain authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities independently of the Michigan strategic fund, see E.R.O. No. 2024-2, compiled at MCL 16.735.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**2.121 State council for the arts; members, status of council.**

Sec. 1. The state council for the arts is created to consist of 15 members broadly representative of all fields of the performing and creative arts to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The council shall exist as an autonomous unit within the department of administration, except for budgeting, procurement and related management functions.

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**2.122 Council; terms of office, chairman, vice-chairman, vacancies, expenses.**

Sec. 2. The term of office of each member shall be 4 years, except of the members first appointed 4 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 4 for 2 years, 4 for 3 years and 3 for 4 years. The governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman from the members of the council to serve as such at the pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the council. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**History:** 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

**2.123 Council; executive director; appointment, duties.**

Sec. 3. The chairman shall appoint an executive director whose duties and responsibilities shall be prescribed by the council.

**History:** 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

**2.124 Council; duties.**

Sec. 4. The council shall:

(1) Stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the performing and creative arts.

(2) Make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions engaged within the state in artistic and cultural activities, including but not limited to educational institutions, music, theater, dance, visual arts, literature and letters, architecture and architectural landscaping, museums, and allied arts and crafts and define and effectuate appropriate programs to implement the aforementioned activities.

(3) Take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of our state and expand the state's cultural resources.

(4) Encourage a freedom of artistic expression essential for the well-being of the arts.

**History:** 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

**2.125 Council; powers; assistance from other state agencies.**

Sec. 5. The council may hold public and private hearings, enter into contracts with individuals,

organizations and institutions for services furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; enter into contracts with local and regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; accept gifts, contributions and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; make and sign any agreements and do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. The council may receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state such assistance and data as to enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

**History:** 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

#### **2.126 Council; national endowment for arts act funds.**

Sec. 6. The council is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse funds made available by the national endowment for the arts act.

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#### **2.127 Repealed. 1975, Act 30, Imd. Eff. Apr. 24, 1975.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to annual report of state council for the arts.