

AMENDMENTS TO LB780

Introduced by Hunt, 8.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 82-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 82-312 The duties of the council shall be:

5 (1) To stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and
6 presentation of the performing and fine arts and public interest and
7 participation therein;

8 (2) To make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and
9 private institutions within the state engaged in artistic and cultural
10 activities, including, but not limited to, music, theatre, dance,
11 painting, sculpture, architecture, and allied arts and crafts, and to
12 make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to encourage
13 participation in and appreciation of the arts to meet the legitimate
14 needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state;

15 (3) To take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to
16 encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of our state and to
17 expand the state's cultural resources;~~and~~

18 (4) To encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential
19 for the well-being of the arts; and -

20 (5) To recommend to the Legislature a plan to divide the state into
21 creative districts and certify them based on geographically contiguous
22 area, artistic or cultural activities or facilities, promotion and
23 preservation of artistic or cultural sites or events, educational uses of
24 artistic or cultural activities or sites, and unique or niche areas,
25 activities, events, facilities, or sites.

26 Sec. 2. Section 82-313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

1 82-313 (1) The Nebraska Arts Council may:

2 (a) Hold ~~(1) hold~~ public and private hearings; τ

3 (b) Enter ~~(2) enter~~ into contracts, within the limit of funds
4 available therefor, with individuals, organizations, and institutions for
5 services furthering the educational objectives of the council's
6 programs; τ

7 (c) Enter ~~(3) enter~~ into contracts, within the limit of funds
8 available therefor, with local and regional associations for cooperative
9 endeavors furthering the educational objectives of the council's
10 programs; τ

11 (d) Accept ~~(4) accept~~ gifts, contributions, and bequests of
12 unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other
13 organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the
14 educational objectives of the council's programs; τ

15 (e) Distribute ~~(5) distribute~~ funds appropriated by the Legislature
16 to any organization which has been designated as the state affiliate of
17 the National Endowment for the Humanities for the period covered by the
18 appropriation; τ

19 (f) Make ~~(6) make~~ and sign any agreements and do and perform any
20 acts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 82-309
21 to 82-316; τ

22 (g) Enter ~~(7) enter~~ into contracts, make and sign any agreements,
23 and perform any acts that may be necessary to stabilize funding for the
24 arts and humanities and to carry out the intent of sections 82-330 to
25 82-333; τ

26 (h) Prepare a plan that would permit, to the extent that funds are
27 available, the establishment of a competitive grant program to award a
28 grant to any creative district that is certified pursuant to the plan
29 adopted by the Legislature under subdivision (5) of section 82-312 and
30 that meets the criteria for the competitive grant, including eligibility
31 criteria, application and appeal processes, conditions on receipt of a

1 grant, and consequences of failure to meet the conditions; and

2 (i) Adopt and ~~(8) adopt~~ and promulgate rules and regulations to
3 carry out its powers and duties.

4 (2) The council may request from any department, division, board,
5 bureau, commission, or agency of the state such assistance and data as
6 will enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties.

7 Sec. 4. Sections 1, 2, and 5 of this act become operative three
8 calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The
9 other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

10 Sec. 5. Original sections 82-312 and 82-313, Reissue Revised
11 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

12 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.