

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred
3 Senate Bill No. 173 entitled “An act relating to the State House art collections”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. chapter 19 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 19. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
9 STATE HOUSE

10 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE
11 HOUSE

12 (a) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House is created.

13 (b) The Committee shall be composed of ~~13~~ 12 members:

14 (1) ~~four~~ three members of the House of Representatives, appointed
15 biennially by the Speaker of the House;

16 (2) ~~four~~ three members of the Senate, appointed biennially by the
17 Committee on Committees;

18 (3) the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Vermont
19 State House;

20 (4) the Director of the Vermont Historical Society;

21 (5) the Director of the Vermont ~~Council on the Arts~~ Council;

1 (6) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

2 and

3 (7) the Sergeant at Arms; and

4 (8) the State Curator.

5 (c) The Committee shall biennially elect a chair from among its legislative
6 members. A quorum shall consist of seven members.

7 (d) The Committee shall meet ~~at the State House~~ at least one time when the
8 General Assembly is in session ~~and at least one time when~~. When the General
9 Assembly is not in session ~~or at the call of the Chair~~, the Committee shall meet
10 at least one time, but the Committee and any subcommittees shall not
11 cumulatively meet more than six times per year; provided, however, that the
12 Committee and any subcommittees of the Committee may meet more often
13 with the approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore
14 of the Senate. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall
15 keep minutes of the meetings and maintain a file thereof.

16 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative
17 Counsel and the Office of Legislative Operations.

18 (f) A member of the Committee shall not vote on a matter under
19 consideration by the Committee regarding any activities or duties the member
20 is responsible for discharging.

1 § 652. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

2 For meetings held during adjournment of the General Assembly, the
3 legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
4 compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in subsection 406(a) of
5 this title.

6 § 653. FUNCTIONS

7 (a)(1) ~~The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House shall be~~
8 ~~consulted on:~~

9 (1) review, coordinate, and make recommendations on all activities
10 relating to the acquisition ~~collections~~ and care of ~~paintings and art~~, historic
11 artifacts, and furnishings, and the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and
12 expansion of the building and its interior; and

13 (2) ~~The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House shall~~
14 ~~develop~~ approve a plan for the acquisition or commission of artwork
15 collections policy for the State House collection that represents Vermont's
16 diverse people and history, including diversity of gender, race, ethnicity,
17 sexuality, and disability status, as developed by the State Curator pursuant to
18 29 V.S.A. § 154a(c).

19 (b) The Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General
20 Services, in discharging responsibilities under subdivision 62(a)(6) of this title
21 and 29 V.S.A. §§ 154(a) and 154a, respectively, shall consider the

1 recommendations of the Committee. ~~The Committee's recommendations shall~~
2 ~~be advisory only.~~

3 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 62 is amended to read:

4 § 62. LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

5 (a) The Sergeant at Arms shall:

6 (1) execute orders of either house, the Joint Legislative Management
7 Committee, the Committee on Joint Rules, or the House or Senate Committee
8 on Rules;

9 (2) maintain order among spectators and take measures to prevent
10 interruption of either house or any committee thereof;

11 (3) arrange for special meetings and conferences at the State House;

12 (4) provide for the distribution of mail to all legislators;

13 (5) schedule the time for the use of rooms for committee meetings and
14 hearings;

15 (6) maintain the State House and its furnishings in a good state of repair
16 and provide security for all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks, and other
17 furnishings kept in the State House in consultation with the State Curator;

18 (7) provide for the establishment of a cafeteria and supervise its
19 operation;

20 (8) provide security for the State House, pursuant to the responsibilities
21 set forth in 29 V.S.A. § 171; and

1 (9) perform such other duties for the benefit of the legislators as may be
2 required by any duly authorized committee thereof.

3 (b) He or she or any person in his or her employ shall not accept any
4 compensation or gift for his or her services other than his or her salary. If he
5 or she or any person in his or her employ violates this provision, he or she shall
6 be fined \$25.00.

7 (c) The Sergeant at Arms shall not be responsible for:

8 (1) structural repairs, or capital improvements, to the ~~of~~ building;

9 (2) the maintenance ~~for~~ of the State House building ~~(as the term~~
10 ~~maintenance is defined in 29 V.S.A. § 159)~~;

11 (3) curating the historic State House and its collections; or ~~for~~

12 (4) the use, upkeep, or maintenance of the State House grounds.

13 (d) The Sergeant at Arms and employees of the Sergeant at Arms shall seek
14 guidance from and operate in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint
15 Legislative Management Committee.

16 Sec. 3. 29 V.S.A. § 154a is amended to read:

17 § 154a. STATE CURATOR

18 (a) Creation. The position of State Curator is created within the
19 Department of Buildings and General Services.

20 (b) Duties. The State Curator's responsibilities shall include:

1 (1) oversight of the ~~general historic preservation of the State House,~~
2 ~~including maintaining the~~ historical integrity of the State House ~~and works of~~
3 ~~art in the State House;~~

4 (2) interpretation of the State House to the visiting public through
5 exhibits, publications, ~~and tours,~~ and other means of communication; ~~and~~

6 (3) acquisition, management, and care of State collections of art ~~and,~~
7 historic artifacts, and furnishings, provided that ~~any works of art~~ all items
8 obtained for the State House are acquired pursuant to the ~~requirements of~~
9 2 V.S.A. § 653(a) collections policy adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this
10 section; and

11 (4) oversight and management of the State’s historic and contemporary
12 art and collections in other State buildings and on State property.

13 (c) ~~Acquisition~~ Collections policy. ~~In coordination with the Legislative~~
14 ~~Advisory Committee on the State House, and in accordance with the plan~~
15 ~~developed pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the~~ The State Curator shall adopt an
16 ~~acquisition~~ develop a collections policy, in coordination with experts, that
17 ensures that the acquisition of art, historic artifacts, and furnishings, and the
18 commissioning of art and furnishings, for the State House reflects Vermont’s
19 diverse people and history, including a diversity of race, ethnicity, sex, gender
20 identity, sexual orientation, and disability status, and a diversity of artistic
21 media and artists; and celebrates the natural history of the State; and the

1 diversity of the people and stories of Vermont throughout the history of the
2 State. Upon approval of the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State
3 House pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the State Curator shall adopt the collections
4 policy.

5 (d) Interpretive plan. In coordination with the Friends of the Vermont State
6 House and the Vermont Historical Society, the State Curator shall create an
7 interpretive plan that tells the stories of the State House art collection through
8 accessible written, multimedia, and oral means. The plan shall include
9 appropriate and inclusive training of State House volunteers and staff.

10 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

11 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

12 (1) all legislator members serving on the Legislative Advisory
13 Committee on the State House as of the date of enactment of this act shall
14 remain on the Committee through the end of the 2021–2022 biennium; and

15 (2) the Committee shall not approve a collections policy pursuant to
16 2 V.S.A. § 653(a)(2) until the legislator members of the Legislative Advisory
17 Committee on the State House for the 2023–2024 biennium have been
18 appointed.

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2 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE