

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 \* \* \* Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House \* \* \*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 ~~and~~

4 (7) the Sergeant at Arms; and

5 (8) the State Curator.

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

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

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

19 (f) A member of the Committee shall not vote on a matter under  
20 consideration by the Committee regarding any activities or duties the member  
21 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)~~  
5       section 23 of 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. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE**

4 **HOUSE; ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; STUDY**

5 The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House shall review the  
6 roles and responsibilities of the State Curator, the Sergeant at Arms, and the  
7 Friends of the Vermont State House. On or before December 15, 2022, the  
8 Committee shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and  
9 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions recommendations for  
10 legislative action, if any, to clarify these roles and responsibilities.

11 \* \* \* Sergeant at Arms \* \* \*

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

13 § 62. LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

14 (a) The Sergeant at Arms shall:

15 (1) execute orders of either house, the Joint Legislative Management  
16 Committee, the Committee on Joint Rules, or the House or Senate Committee  
17 on Rules;

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

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

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

1 (5) schedule the time for the use of rooms for committee meetings and  
2 hearings;

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

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

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

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

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

16 (c) The Sergeant at Arms shall not be responsible for;

17 (1) structural repairs, or capital improvements, to the or State House  
18 building;

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

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

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

6        Sec. 4. 29 V.S.A. § 154a is amended to read:

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

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

16 (3) acquisition, management, and care of State collections of art and,

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

3           (c) ~~Acquisition~~ Collections policy. ~~In coordination with the Legislative~~  
4           ~~Advisory Committee on the State House, and in accordance with the plan~~  
5           ~~developed pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the~~ The State Curator shall adopt an  
6           ~~acquisition~~ develop a collections policy, in coordination with experts, that  
7           ensures that the acquisition of art, historic artifacts, and furnishings, and the  
8           commissioning of art and furnishings, for the State House reflects Vermont’s  
9           diverse people and history, including a diversity of race, ethnicity, sex, gender  
10           identity, sexual orientation, and disability status, and a diversity of artistic  
11           media and artists; and celebrates the natural history of the State; and the  
12           diversity of the people and stories of Vermont throughout the history of the  
13           State. Upon approval of the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State  
14           House pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the State Curator shall adopt the collections  
15           policy.

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

\* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that all legislator members serving on the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House as of the date of enactment of this act shall remain on the Committee through the end of the 2021–2022 biennium.

(Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Representative \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE