

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER FIFTY

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
RE: REORGANIZATION OF THE DELAWARE STATE ARTS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Arts Council was created by Governor Russell W. Peterson's Executive Order Number Three (March 31, 1969) as an independent agency to receive and expend federal, state, and private funds to foster the development of the arts in Delaware and to enhance the appreciation of artistic expressions by the citizens of the State; and,

WHEREAS, it is now desirable that such a program be incorporated more directly into the structure of government; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Arts Council has maintained a traditional but informal administrative relationship with the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate by reason both of this traditional relationship and the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' existent responsibilities and resources to locate arts programs therein, thus to create a more comprehensive cultural agency of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the Delaware State Arts Council has unanimously endorsed the transfer of its administrative responsibilities to the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pierre S. du Pont, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby amend Executive Order Number Three (March 31, 1969), as follows:

1. The Delaware State Arts Council is continued with the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Promotion and encouragement of the arts;
 - (b) Advising the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs on programs and concerns of the arts;
 - (c) Approving or disapproving all grants of public or private funds received by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs pursuant to paragraphs 2 (b) and (c) of this Order.
 - (d) Encouraging cooperation among public and private arts organizations;
 - (e) Fostering freedom of artistic expressions; and
 - (f) Undertaking such other related activities as may be requested of it.
2. The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Provision of technical and professional assistance to arts programs of individuals, organizations, and institutions of the State;
 - (b) Receipt of gifts, contributions, and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other organizations for the purpose of the promotion and encouragement of the arts in Delaware;
 - (c) Receipt of appropriations and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other federal, state, and local governments for the purpose of the promotion and encouragement of the arts in Delaware; and,
 - (d) Administrative and budgetary responsibilities for the Delaware State Arts Council.

3. The arts program and the staff of the Delaware State Arts Council shall be identified as the Office of the Arts of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.
4. When the expiration of the terms of current members of the Delaware State Arts Council, or the resignation of members of the Council, reduces the membership of the Council to fifteen persons, the Delaware State Arts Council shall thereafter be composed of no more than fifteen citizens knowledgeable of the arts who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years, and a chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(a) These three-year terms shall be staggered so that one-third will expire annually;

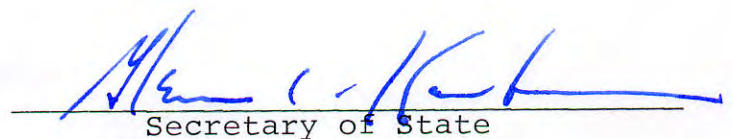
(b) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms; and

(c) Members presently serving on the Council shall be assigned by lot to terms of one, two, or three years commencing April 1, 1978, thereby to accommodate the above requirements; excepting, however, that no current member of the Council shall serve for less than three years from the date of his original appointment.

APPROVED this *15th* day of March, 1978.


Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

