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H.B. No. 1023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants made by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 444.024, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 444.024. GRANTS. (a) The commission may make grants for any purpose consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

(b) An applicant for a grant of money from the commission shall specify in the grant application a minimum and maximum amount of money requested.

(c) [~~(b)~~] Before making a grant of money of \$500 or more, the commission shall submit the grant application to a panel of commission consultants for its recommendations, including a [~~. The panel shall include in its recommendations its~~] determination of the reasonableness of the proposed amounts of funding.

(d) The commission must approve a grant of \$500 or more. The commission by rule may delegate the authority to approve a grant of less than \$500 to the executive director. The commission shall review a grant approved by the executive director at the commission's next regular meeting after the approval.

(e) [~~(e)~~] The commission by rule shall adopt equitable procedures for the distribution of grants to recipients who reflect the geographical, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the state's population.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.