

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~~ The Sergeant at Arms or any person in his or her employ
13 employed by the Sergeant at Arms shall not accept any compensation or gift
14 for his or her the services of the Sergeant at Arms or any of the employee's
15 services other than his or her the Sergeant at Arms' or the employee's salary,
16 respectively. If he or she or any Any person in his or her employ who violates
17 this provision, he or she shall be fined \$25.00.

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

19 (1) structural repairs, or capital improvements, to the ~~of~~ State House
20 building;

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

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

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

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

8 * * * State Curator * * *

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

10 § 154a. STATE CURATOR

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

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

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

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

19 (3) acquisition, management, and care of State collections of art ~~and~~,
20 historic artifacts, and furnishings, provided that ~~any works of art~~ all items
21 obtained for the State House are acquired pursuant to the ~~requirements of~~

1 ~~2 V.S.A. § 653(a)~~ collections policy adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this
2 section; and

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

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

18 (d) Interpretive plan. In coordination with the Friends of the Vermont State
19 House and the Vermont Historical Society, the State Curator shall create an
20 interpretive plan that tells the stories of the State House art collection through

1 accessible written, multimedia, and oral means. The plan shall include
2 appropriate and inclusive training of State House volunteers and staff.

3 * * * Effective Dates * * *

4 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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13 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE