

AN ACT

To amend section 3379.03 and to enact sections 5.253 and 3379.12 of the Revised Code to create the position of Ohio Poet Laureate and to designate June as Ohio Community Theatre Month in Ohio.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 3379.03 be amended and sections 5.253 and 3379.12 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.253. June is designated as Ohio Community Theatre Month to recognize the important contributions of community theatres to the quality of life of the citizens of the state.

Sec. 3379.03. The Ohio arts council shall:

(A) Conduct a survey of the cultural and artistic resources and needs of the state and maintain a continuing inventory of such resources;

(B) Develop a plan for better and fuller use and enjoyment of the state's cultural and artistic resources by all the people of the state;

(C) Assess the role of the arts in the growth and development of the state;

(D) Report at least biennially to the governor and the general assembly on the state of the arts. Such report may include recommendations based on the council's surveys.

(E) Administer the per cent for arts program pursuant to section 3379.10 of the Revised Code;

(F) Establish guidelines for the administration of the council's duties that pertain to the position of Ohio poet laureate pursuant to section 3379.12 of the Revised Code and for the qualifications of the Ohio poet laureate appointed under that section.

Sec. 3379.12. (A) The position of Ohio poet laureate is hereby created. The Ohio poet laureate shall be appointed by the governor from a list of not less than three candidates recommended by the Ohio arts council based on qualifications developed by the arts council under division (F) of section 3379.03 of the Revised Code. The arts council shall submit its list of candidates to the governor not less than ninety days prior to the beginning of

the Ohio poet laureate's term of office.

(B) The term of office for the Ohio poet laureate shall be for two years. The initial term shall begin on January 1, 2016.

(C) In the event of the death, resignation, or any other vacancy or inability to perform the duties of Ohio poet laureate during an individual's unexpired term of office, not later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the Ohio arts council shall recommend a candidate to the governor to serve as poet laureate for the remainder of that unexpired term of office.

(D) An individual may be reappointed to subsequent terms of office, at the discretion of the governor.

SECTION 2. That existing section 3379.03 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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