

# Texas Commission on the Arts

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Texas benefits both socially and economically from public investment in the arts. Acknowledging these benefits, as well as improvements made by the Texas Commission on the Arts since its last Sunset review six years ago, Senate Bill 202 continues the agency for 12 years. Changes made through the legislation, including reducing the size of the agency's governing board and requiring the agency to adhere to additional best practices in its grant processes, will ensure the Commission continues operating efficiently into the future.

The following material summarizes results of the review of the Texas Commission on the Arts, including management actions directed to the Commission that do not require statutory changes. For additional information see the *Texas Commission on the Arts Sunset Final Report with Legislative Action* available on the Sunset Commission website at [www.sunset.state.tx.us](http://www.sunset.state.tx.us).

## **Continuation**

- Continues the Texas Commission on the Arts for 12 years.

## **Board Size**

- Reduces the size of the Commission from 17 to nine members.
- Requires commission members to represent a diverse cross-section of the arts rather than all fields of the arts.
- Phases in the reduction so that no current members' terms are cut short.
- Requires two of the three appointments made to the Commission in 2015 for six-year terms to be from counties with a population of less than 50,000.
- Clarifies that the Commission operating with fewer than two rural members while the board reduction is being implemented is not a violation of law.

## **Grant Authority**

- Clarifies the Commission may award grants to support its mission to advance the state economically and culturally by investing in the arts.
- The Commission should amend its grant guidelines to incorporate reporting requirements for subgrants and to better link on-site monitoring visits to risk. (management action – nonstatutory)
- The Commission should develop and track additional performance measures to evaluate the impact of its grants. (management action – nonstatutory)

## **Fiscal Implication**

Senate Bill 202 will not have a significant fiscal impact to the State.

