

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to requiring the council on the arts to have members from each of the ten regions of the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3.03 of the arts and cultural  
2 affairs law, as amended by chapter 205 of the laws of 2008, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 1. (a) The council on the arts in the executive department is hereby  
5 continued. The twenty-one members shall be, broadly representative of  
6 all fields of the performing and fine arts, to be appointed by the  
7 governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, from among private  
8 citizens who are widely known for their professional competence and  
9 experience in connection with the performing and fine arts; provided,  
10 however, that the council shall have at least one member from each of  
11 the ten regions of the state, as such regions are defined by the empire  
12 state development corporation. In making such appointments, due consid-  
13 eration shall be given to the recommendations made by representative  
14 civic, educational and professional associations and groups, concerned  
15 with or engaged in the production or presentation of the performing and  
16 fine arts generally.

17 (b) No amendments made to this section shall require any council  
18 member appointed prior to the effective date of such amendments to  
19 vacate their seat prior to the natural end of their term.

20 (c) The council on the arts shall not be out of compliance with this  
21 section provided that, to the extent practicable, as each new successive  
22 vacancy occurs, the appointment made for such vacancy shall move the  
23 composition of the council closer to the requirement that each of the  
24 ten regions of the state as defined by the empire state development  
25 corporation be represented by at least one member of the council.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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