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Public Act No. 07-220

**AN ACT CONCERNING TOURISM DISTRICT REPRESENTATION
AND THE CONNECTICUT MUSIC HALL OF FAME.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 10-393 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall consist of thirty-five voting commissioners and nonvoting ex-officio members. Such ex-officio members shall be the executive directors of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the Connecticut Humanities Council, the State Poet Laureate, the State Historian and the State Archaeologist. The State Poet Laureate, the State Historian and the State Archaeologist shall serve as commissioners without being appointed and without receiving compensation for such service. The remaining thirty commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The Governor shall appoint eight commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from within the state; (B) three commissioners shall be individuals with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in

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the arts; (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures; and (E) two commissioners shall be selected at large.

(2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from the southwestern tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

(3) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint four commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from the central tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

(4) The majority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint three commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from the south central tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

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(5) The majority leader of the Senate shall appoint three commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from the eastern tourism district; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

(6) The minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint four commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from within the state; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

(7) The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint four commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of [or] and experience [or interest] in the tourism industry from the northwestern tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

(b) Each commissioner shall serve a term that is coterminous with such commissioner's appointing authority. [No member of a board of directors of a regional tourism district may serve as a commissioner of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.]

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(c) The commission shall have an executive director, appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of chapter 46, who shall administer the commission in accordance with subsection (e) of this section. The voting commissioners shall elect annually: A commissioner from among the voting commissioners to serve as chairperson of the commission, one commissioner as vice-chairperson, and other commissioners as officers. Such commissioners shall establish bylaws as necessary for the operation of the commission. Commissioners shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties, but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary or upon the request of a majority of commissioners in office.

(d) Thirteen voting commissioners of the board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting commissioners present at a meeting of the commission shall be sufficient for any action taken by the commission. No vacancy of a commissioner shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the commission. Any action taken by the commission may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting and shall take effect immediately unless otherwise provided in the resolution.

(e) The executive director of the commission shall administer the commission, subject to the supervision of the commissioners. The executive director shall have the authority to administer all laws under the jurisdiction of the commission and the power and authority to: Coordinate, and direct the operation of the commission; establish rules for the internal operation of the commission; contract for facilities, services and programs to implement the purposes of the commission established by law, and enter into agreements for funding from private

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sources, including corporate donations and other commercial sponsorships. The executive director is authorized to do all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any funds made available under any federal act for the purposes established under section 10-392. All funds received under this subsection shall be deposited into the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism account, established under section 10-395. The executive director may enter into contracts with the federal government concerning the use of such funds.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Connecticut Music Hall of Fame Committee that shall develop a plan for the creation and operation of a Connecticut music hall of fame in order to recognize distinguished Connecticut residents in the field of music. The committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
- (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(b) All appointments to the committee shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the committee,

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from among the members of the committee. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(d) The plan developed by the committee shall include, but not be limited to, a recommendation for the location for the music hall of fame, criteria for induction of residents into the music hall of fame, and rules concerning the operation of the music hall of fame. Not later than February 1, 2008, the committee shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce concerning such plan.

(e) The committee may solicit, receive and accept aid, grants or contributions, from any source, of money, property, labor or other items of value for the purposes of this section.

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