

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Schwartz offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 270-271 insert:

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6 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (2) of
7 section 265.285, Florida Statutes, to read:

8 265.285 Florida Arts Council; membership, duties.--

9 (2) The duties of the council shall be to:

10 (j) Promote reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry
11 throughout the state by recommending nominations for the Florida
12 Poet Laureate to the Secretary of State for selection by the
13 Governor.

14 Section 2. Section 265.2863, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 265.2863 Florida Poet Laureate.--

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17 (1) (a) The honorary position of Florida Poet Laureate is
18 hereby created.

19 (b) 1. The Florida Poet Laureate shall be appointed by the
20 Governor from a list of no more than three nominees provided by
21 the Secretary of State and recommended by the Florida Arts
22 Council pursuant to s. 265.285 and this section.

23 2. The Florida Poet Laureate shall not receive
24 compensation.

25 (c) The Florida Arts Council shall solicit nominations
26 from a broad array of literary sources and individuals,
27 including, but not limited to:

28 1. University and college literature departments.

29 2. Literary organizations, societies, and centers.

30 3. Poetry book publishers and poetry editors.

31 4. Other state poets laureate.

32 (2) Each nominee for Florida Poet Laureate submitted to
33 the Governor by the Secretary of State and recommended by the
34 Florida Arts Council must be a permanent Florida resident and a
35 published literary poet of significant standing in Florida and
36 elsewhere, must be willing and physically able to engage in
37 outreach and mentoring for the benefit of schools and
38 communities throughout the state, and must perform such other
39 duties as required. The Florida Poet Laureate may give readings
40 of his or her own poetry as requested.

41 (3) (a) The term of service of the Florida Poet Laureate
42 shall be 4 years, beginning with the third year of a
43 gubernatorial term of office and ending at the conclusion of the
44 second year of the following gubernatorial term of office. The

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45 Florida Poet Laureate must serve until a new Florida Poet
46 Laureate is appointed.

47 (b) Any vacancy in the appointment of the Florida Poet
48 Laureate shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term
49 in the same manner as the original appointment.

50 (4) The Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of
51 State shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of
52 this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for
53 accepting nominations, making recommendations for appointments
54 of the Florida Poet Laureate, and providing travel expenses for
55 such appointment.

56 (5) The Secretary of State shall annually request an
57 appropriation sufficient to carry out the purposes of this
58 section, if such resources are not available through the citizen
59 support organization created in s. 265.703 or through other
60 public or private funding sources.

61 Section 3. The Poet Laureate for the State of Florida
62 serving on the effective date of this act shall, upon the
63 appointment of the Florida Poet Laureate pursuant to s.
64 265.2863, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, be
65 designated the Florida Poet Laureate Emeritus in recognition of
66 his service to the state.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove line 2 and insert:

An act relating to the arts and growth management; amending s. 265.285, F.S.; specifying that duties of the Florida Arts Council include the promotion of poetry literature by recommending nominations for the Florida Poet Laureate; creating s. 265.2863, F.S.; creating the honorary position of Florida Poet Laureate; providing for appointment; providing that the Florida Poet Laureate does not receive compensation; providing for the nomination process; providing responsibilities of the Florida Arts Council; providing criteria for the Florida Poet Laureate position; providing term of service; providing for the filling of a vacancy; requiring the Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State to adopt rules; requiring the Secretary of State to annually request an appropriation to carry out the purposes of the section if certain other sources of funding are not available; providing for designation of Florida Poet Laureate Emeritus; amending s. 125.379,