



26 | chief arts and culture officer of the state; amending  
27 | s. 265.285, F.S.; revising the membership of the  
28 | Florida Council on Arts and Culture; prohibiting  
29 | council members from receiving financial compensation  
30 | under specified circumstances; providing an exception;  
31 | revising duties of the council; amending s. 265.286,  
32 | F.S.; authorizing the Division of Arts and Culture to  
33 | accept applications for arts and cultural grants for  
34 | specified purposes; specifying eligibility criteria;  
35 | removing review panel member appointments and  
36 | criteria; authorizing the secretary to review a  
37 | specified list to ensure that specified grant funds  
38 | meet certain criteria and are used for certain  
39 | purposes; requiring the secretary to submit a  
40 | recommended list to the Legislature for funding  
41 | consideration; providing activities and programs for  
42 | which the division may award grants; revising items  
43 | for which the division may adopt rules; prohibiting  
44 | applicants for grant funding from having substantial  
45 | interests for certain recommendations; requiring the  
46 | secretary to submit a recommended list to the  
47 | Legislature for funding consideration; providing  
48 | requirements for prioritized funding; providing an  
49 | expiration date for certain purposes; amending s.  
50 | 265.2865, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring,

51 the council to accept and recommend nominations for  
52 certain purposes annually; reducing the number of  
53 members the secretary may name to the Florida Artists  
54 Hall of Fame in any nomination year; authorizing,  
55 rather than requiring, the secretary to annually  
56 request an appropriation for certain purposes;  
57 amending s. 265.701, F.S.; removing the ability of  
58 certain grant funds to be used to acquire cultural  
59 facilities; authorizing the secretary to review  
60 specified list to ensure that specified grant funds  
61 meet certain criteria and are used for certain  
62 purposes; requiring the secretary to make certain  
63 recommendations to the Legislature before a certain  
64 date; amending s. 265.703, F.S.; revising the programs  
65 for which citizen support organizations may provide  
66 support; amending s. 265.803, F.S.; revising  
67 programmatic set-up and functions of the Florida  
68 Folklife Council; amending s. 267.0612, F.S.;  
69 requiring the secretary to review special category  
70 historic preservation grants-in-aid recommendations of  
71 the Florida Historical Commission; amending s.  
72 267.0617, F.S.; removing a provision that requires  
73 certain funds to be credited to the Historical  
74 Resources Operating Trust Fund; authorizing the  
75 secretary to review specified lists to ensure that

76 specified grant funds meet certain criteria and are  
 77 used for certain purposes; requiring the secretary to  
 78 submit recommended lists to the Legislature for  
 79 funding consideration; repealing s. 267.0722, F.S.,  
 80 relating to the Florida Museum of Black History;  
 81 amending s. 267.075, F.S.; removing provisions  
 82 relating to The Grove Advisory Council; amending s.  
 83 267.21, F.S.; revising mechanisms by which state funds  
 84 to assist abandoned African-American cemeteries may be  
 85 awarded specified grant funds; authorizing the  
 86 secretary to review a specified list to ensure that  
 87 specified grant funds meet certain criteria and are  
 88 used for certain purposes; requiring the secretary to  
 89 submit a recommended list to the Legislature for  
 90 funding consideration; amending s. 267.22, F.S.;  
 91 revising programmatic duties and make-up of the  
 92 Historic Cemeteries Program Advisory Council;  
 93 requiring the council to evaluate proposals for awards  
 94 of grants relating to abandoned African-American  
 95 cemeteries; providing an effective date.

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 97 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 99 **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 257.031, Florida**  
 100 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

101 257.031 State Librarian; appointment and duties.—

102 (1) The State Librarian shall be appointed by the  
 103 Secretary of State, shall have completed a library school  
 104 program accredited by a national library professional ~~the~~  
 105 ~~American Library~~ association, and shall serve as the director of  
 106 the Division of Library and Information Services of the  
 107 Department of State. The Secretary of State may, in making the  
 108 appointment of State Librarian, consult the members of the State  
 109 Library Council.

110 **Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 257.12,**  
 111 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

112 257.12 Division of Library and Information Services  
 113 authorized to accept and expend federal funds.—

114 (4) The State Library Council, as provided in s. 257.02,  
 115 shall develop recommendations for providing available federal  
 116 funds to public libraries. The secretary may review and edit the  
 117 funding recommendation list to ensure that federal grant funds  
 118 awarded under this section are expended in compliance with all  
 119 federal, state, and local laws and regulations and are used only  
 120 for activities and programs that are appropriate for all age  
 121 groups.

122 **Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**  
 123 **257.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

124 257.17 Operating grants.—A political subdivision that has  
 125 been designated by a county or municipality as the single

126 library administrative unit is eligible to receive from the  
 127 state an annual operating grant of not more than 25 percent of  
 128 all local funds expended by that political subdivision during  
 129 the second preceding fiscal year for the operation and  
 130 maintenance of a library, under the following conditions:

131 (2) The library established or maintained by such  
 132 political subdivision shall:

133 (a) Be operated under a single administrative head who is  
 134 an employee of the single library administrative unit and who  
 135 has completed a library education program accredited by a  
 136 national library professional ~~the American Library~~ association.  
 137 The single administrative head shall have at least 2 years of  
 138 full-time paid professional experience, after completing the  
 139 library education program, in a public library that is open to  
 140 the public for a minimum of 40 hours per week.

141 **Section 4. Section 257.191, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 142 **to read:**

143 257.191 Construction grants.—

144 (1) The Division of Library and Information Services may  
 145 accept and administer library construction moneys appropriated  
 146 to it and shall allocate such appropriation to municipal,  
 147 county, and regional libraries in the form of library  
 148 construction grants on a matching basis. The local matching  
 149 portion shall be no less than the grant amount, on a dollar-for-  
 150 dollar basis, up to the maximum grant amount, unless the

151 matching requirement is waived by s. 288.06561. Initiation of a  
152 library construction project 12 months or less prior to the  
153 grant award under this section shall not affect the eligibility  
154 of an applicant to receive a library construction grant. The  
155 division shall adopt rules for the administration of library  
156 construction grants. For the purposes of this section, s. 257.21  
157 does not apply.

158 (2) The secretary must ensure that the library  
159 construction grants awarded under this section are expended in  
160 compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and  
161 regulations and are used only for activities and programs that  
162 are appropriate for all age groups. The secretary shall submit a  
163 recommended list to the Legislature for funding consideration.

164 **Section 5. Section 257.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to**  
165 **read:**

166 257.23 Application for grant.—

167 (1) The board of county commissioners of any county, the  
168 chief executive officer of a municipality, or the governing body  
169 of a special district or a special tax district desiring to  
170 receive a grant under the provisions of ss. 257.14-257.25 shall  
171 apply therefor to the Division of Library and Information  
172 Services on or before October 1 of each year on a form to be  
173 provided by the division. The application shall be signed by the  
174 chair of the board of county commissioners and attested by the  
175 clerk of the circuit court or the appropriate officer in a

176 charter county, by the chief executive officer of a municipality  
 177 and attested by the clerk of the municipality, or by the chair  
 178 of the governing body and attested by the chief financial  
 179 officer of a special district or a special tax district. The  
 180 county, municipality, special district, or special tax district  
 181 shall agree to observe the standards established by the division  
 182 as authorized in s. 257.15. On or before December 1 each year,  
 183 the applicant shall certify the annual tax income and the rate  
 184 of tax or the annual appropriation for the free library or free  
 185 library service, and shall furnish such other pertinent  
 186 information as the division may require.

187 (2) The secretary must ensure that any grants awarded  
 188 under this section are expended in compliance with all federal,  
 189 state, and local laws and regulations and are used only for  
 190 activities and programs that are appropriate for all age groups.

191 **Section 6.** Section 257.34, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

192 **Section 7. Section 257.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to**  
 193 **read:**

194 257.42 Library cooperative grants.—

195 (1) The administrative unit of a library cooperative is  
 196 eligible to receive an annual grant from the state for the  
 197 purpose of sharing library resources based upon an annual plan  
 198 of service and expenditure and an annually updated 5-year, long-  
 199 range plan of cooperative library resource sharing. Those plans,  
 200 which must include a component describing how the cooperative



201 will share technology and the use of technology, must be  
202 submitted to the division for evaluation and possible  
203 recommendation for funding in the division's legislative budget  
204 request. Grant funds may not be used to supplant local funds or  
205 other funds. A library cooperative must provide from local  
206 sources matching cash funds equal to 10 percent of the grant  
207 award.

208 (2) The secretary must ensure that state grant funds  
209 awarded under this section are expended in compliance with all  
210 federal, state, and local laws and regulations and are used only  
211 for activities and programs that are appropriate for all age  
212 groups.

213 **Section 8. Subsections (12), (16) and (17) of section**  
214 **265.283, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

215 265.283 Definitions.—The following definitions shall apply  
216 to ss. 265.281-265.703:

217 ~~(12) "Panel" means a grant review panel.~~

218 ~~(16) "State touring program grants" means grants used to~~  
219 ~~provide performances, activities, and exhibitions by Florida~~  
220 ~~artists to communities.~~

221 ~~(17) "Underserved arts community assistance program~~  
222 ~~grants" means grants used by qualified organizations under the~~  
223 ~~Rural Economic Development Initiative, pursuant to ss. 288.0656~~  
224 ~~and 288.06561, for the purpose of economic and organizational~~  
225 ~~development for underserved cultural organizations.~~

226           **Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 265.284, Florida**  
 227 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

228           265.284 Chief arts and culture ~~cultural~~ officer; director  
 229 of division; powers and duties.—

230           (1) The secretary ~~of State~~ is the chief arts and culture  
 231 ~~cultural~~ officer of the state.

232           **Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and**  
 233 **paragraphs (c), (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (2) of section**  
 234 **265.285, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

235           265.285 Florida Council on Arts and Culture; membership,  
 236 duties.—

237           (1)(a) The Florida Council on Arts and Culture is created  
 238 within the department as an advisory body, as defined in s.  
 239 20.03(7). The council shall be composed of 15 members. Nine  
 240 members shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with  
 241 the Secretary of State, three members shall be appointed by the  
 242 President of the Senate, and three members shall be appointed by  
 243 the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of the nine members  
 244 appointed by the Governor, one member must be a licensed  
 245 architect who has expertise in cultural facilities; one member  
 246 must be an enrolled member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida; one  
 247 member must be a professional public folklorist; one member must  
 248 be a university affiliated folklorist; and one member must be a  
 249 practicing or former professional artist. The remaining four  
 250 members appointed by the Governor and the three members

251 appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
252 House of Representatives, respectively, must be representatives  
253 of the public with demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the  
254 arts, culture, museums, folklore, and cultural heritage  
255 traditions, consisting of 15 members. Seven members shall be  
256 appointed by the Governor, four members shall be appointed by  
257 the President of the Senate, and four members shall be appointed  
258 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointments  
259 that are, to be made in consultation with the Secretary of  
260 State, shall recognize the need for geographical representation.  
261 Effective July 1, 2025, the first vacancy existing or occurring  
262 in a council seat previously occupied by a member appointed by  
263 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the first  
264 vacancy existing or occurring in a council seat previously  
265 occupied by a member appointed by the President of the Senate  
266 shall be filled by the Governor. Council members appointed by  
267 the Governor shall be appointed for 4-year terms beginning on  
268 January 1 of the year of appointment. Council members appointed  
269 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
270 Representatives shall be appointed for 2-year terms beginning on  
271 January 1 of the year of appointment. A member of the council  
272 who serves two 4-year terms or two 2-year terms is not eligible  
273 for reappointment for 1 year following the expiration of the  
274 member's second term. A member whose term has expired shall  
275 continue to serve on the council until such time as a

276 replacement is appointed. Any vacancy on the council shall be  
277 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same  
278 manner as for the original appointment. Members should have a  
279 substantial history of community service in the performing or  
280 visual arts, which includes, but is not limited to, theater,  
281 dance, folk and traditional arts, music, architecture,  
282 photography, literature, and media arts, or in the areas of  
283 science, history, or children's museums. In addition, it is  
284 desirable that members have successfully served on boards of  
285 cultural institutions such as museums and performing arts  
286 centers or are recognized as patrons of the arts. A member may  
287 not receive financial compensation as an employee or officer of  
288 an entity that has received grant funds or an applicant for  
289 division grant funding recommendations. This prohibition does  
290 not apply to an employee or officer of a state college or  
291 university.

292 (c) Members of the council ~~and panels~~ may not receive any  
293 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for  
294 travel and expenses incurred in the performance of their duties,  
295 as provided in s. 112.061.

296 (2) The council shall:

297 (c) Encourage the participation in and appreciation of  
298 arts, ~~and~~ culture, and folklife to meet the needs and  
299 aspirations of persons in all parts of the state.

300 (e) Encourage arts and culture development within

301 ~~communities and assist freedom of artistic expression that is~~  
302 ~~essential for the well-being of the arts.~~

303 (f) Advise the secretary in matters concerning the  
304 awarding of grants for arts and culture as authorized in this  
305 act and make funding recommendations for activities and programs  
306 that are appropriate for all age groups.

307 (g) Promote and assist with division programs such as the  
308 Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History Program, the  
309 Arts and Culture recognition award program, and the  
310 apprenticeship program ~~the reading, writing, and appreciation of~~  
311 ~~poetry throughout the state and accept nominations and recommend~~  
312 ~~nominees for appointment as the State Poet Laureate under s.~~  
313 ~~265.2863.~~

314 **Section 11. Section 265.286, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
315 **to read:**

316 265.286 Arts ~~Art~~ and cultural grants.—

317 (1) The division may accept applications for arts and  
318 cultural grants for activities and programs identified in  
319 subsection (7) and based on the rules adopted under this  
320 section.

321 (2) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

322 (a) Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt Florida corporation; or a  
323 local or state governmental entity, school district, community  
324 college, college, university, agency of state government, or  
325 artist engaged in or concerned with arts and cultural

326 activities.

327 (b) Conduct activities and programs that are appropriate  
328 for all age groups.

329 (c) Strictly conform with all applicable local, state, and  
330 federal laws and regulations.

331 (3)-(1) The secretary may appoint reviewers ~~review panels~~  
332 ~~consisting of members from various art and cultural disciplines~~  
333 ~~and programs~~ to assist the council in the grant application  
334 review process. Appointed reviewers shall review ~~Each panel~~  
335 ~~member shall be appointed to a 1-year term. Each panel shall~~  
336 ~~consist of practicing artists or other professionals actively~~  
337 ~~involved in the specific discipline or program for which the~~  
338 ~~panel has been appointed. Each panel shall review and score~~  
339 ~~grant~~ applications and recommend to the council the applicants  
340 to which grants may ~~should~~ be awarded. ~~The panels shall submit~~  
341 ~~lists of eligible applicants by score. The division shall adopt~~  
342 ~~rules establishing a formula for such scoring.~~

343 (4)-(2) The council ~~and each panel~~ shall provide a forum  
344 for public comment before voting on any grant application.

345 (5)-(3) After the council reviews the recommended ~~lists of~~  
346 ~~eligible applicants submitted by each review panel,~~ it shall  
347 develop a list of recommended arts and culture grants ~~two lists,~~  
348 ~~one of which must consist of eligible applicants for general~~  
349 ~~program support funding and one of which must consist of~~  
350 ~~eligible applicants for specific cultural project funding, and~~

351 submit the list ~~lists~~ to the secretary. The secretary may review  
352 and edit the list to ensure that any grant funds awarded under  
353 this section are expended in compliance with all federal, state,  
354 and local laws and regulations and are used only for activities  
355 and programs that are appropriate for all age groups. The  
356 secretary shall submit the recommended list to the Legislature  
357 annually for funding consideration ~~shall review the council's~~  
358 ~~recommendations and, beginning July 1, 2010, include the lists~~  
359 ~~of approved applicants in the department's legislative budget~~  
360 ~~request submitted to the Legislature.~~

361 (6)-(4) Arts and cultural Project grants shall be funded  
362 from the secretary's submitted ~~approved~~ list ~~by score~~ until all  
363 appropriated funds are depleted. If ~~specific project~~ grant funds  
364 are returned to the division, it shall award such funds to the  
365 next grant applicant on the secretary's list of ~~approved~~  
366 applicants. ~~General program support grants shall be awarded to~~  
367 ~~applicants on the secretary's list in amounts determined by~~  
368 ~~rule.~~

369 (7)-(5) The division shall administer awarded grants fund:

370 (a) To supplement the financial support of artistic and  
371 cultural activities and programs that, without the assistance,  
372 may otherwise be unavailable to Florida residents ~~Grants for~~  
373 ~~general program support for science museums, youth and~~  
374 ~~children's museums, historical museums, local arts agencies,~~  
375 ~~state service organizations, and organizations that have~~

376 ~~cultural program activities in any of the art and cultural~~  
377 ~~disciplines defined in s. 265.283.~~

378 (b) To activities and programs that have substantial  
379 artistic and cultural significance and emphasize creativity and  
380 professional excellence ~~Grants for specific cultural projects~~  
381 ~~for arts in education, museums, Culture Builds Florida, or~~  
382 ~~nonprofit public or private organizations having cultural~~  
383 ~~project activity in any of the art and cultural disciplines.~~

384 (c) To activities and programs that meet the professional  
385 standards or standards of authenticity of significant merit,  
386 regardless of origin ~~Grants for a touring program that has a~~  
387 ~~selection procedure that ensures the maximum opportunity for~~  
388 ~~Florida artists and cultural groups.~~

389 (d) To activities and programs that are appropriate for  
390 all age groups ~~An individual artist fellowship program. The~~  
391 ~~division shall establish a selection procedure that identifies~~  
392 ~~individual artists of exceptional talent and demonstrated~~  
393 ~~ability and distribute grant appropriations as provided by rule.~~

394 (e) To other programs consistent with the purpose of this  
395 act.

396 ~~(8)(6)~~ The division may ~~shall~~ adopt rules establishing:

397 (a) Eligibility criteria for the award of grants, which  
398 may include, but need not be limited to, application  
399 requirements, allowable and nonallowable costs, program quality,  
400 artistic quality, creativity, potential public exposure and



401 benefit, the ability to properly administer grant funds,  
402 professional excellence, fiscal stability, state or regional  
403 impact and economic development, matching requirements, and  
404 other requirements to further the purposes of this act.

405 (b) Particular grant programs, categories of grants, and  
406 procedures necessary for the prudent administration of the grant  
407 programs.

408 (c) The ~~panel~~ review process, including, but not limited  
409 to, criteria for reviewing grant applications to ensure  
410 compliance with applicable federal and state law, including  
411 those related to discrimination and conflicts of interest and  
412 appropriateness of content for all age groups. The division may  
413 not award any new grant that will, in whole or in part, inure to  
414 the personal benefit of any council ~~or review panel~~ member  
415 during the member's term of office or reviewer if the council ~~or~~  
416 ~~panel~~ member or reviewer participated in the vote of the council  
417 or reviewer ~~panel~~ recommending the award. This paragraph does  
418 not prohibit the division from awarding a grant to an entity  
419 with which a council ~~or panel~~ member or reviewer is associated.

420 ~~(7) The division shall award grants:~~

421 ~~(a) To supplement the financial support of artistic and~~  
422 ~~cultural activities and programs that, without the assistance,~~  
423 ~~may otherwise be unavailable to Florida residents.~~

424 ~~(b) To activities and programs that have substantial~~  
425 ~~artistic and cultural significance and emphasize creativity and~~

426 ~~professional excellence.~~

427 ~~(c) To activities and programs that meet the professional~~  
428 ~~standards or standards of authenticity of significant merit,~~  
429 ~~regardless of origin.~~

430 ~~(d) For other reasons consistent with this act.~~

431 ~~(8) Eligible grantees must:~~

432 ~~(a) Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt Florida corporation; or~~

433 ~~(b) A local or state governmental entity, school district,~~  
434 ~~community college, college, university, agency of state~~  
435 ~~government, or artist engaged in or concerned with arts and~~  
436 ~~cultural activities.~~

437 (9) In order to equitably distribute limited state  
438 funding, applicants may apply for and be awarded only one grant  
439 per annual grant cycle, except for cultural facilities, ~~a~~  
440 ~~cultural endowment, or touring program grants and individual~~  
441 ~~artist fellowships.~~

442 (10) Of the total amount of grant funds available from all  
443 sources for grants, except cultural facilities ~~and cultural~~  
444 ~~endowments~~, 70 percent shall be awarded on at least a dollar-to-  
445 dollar matching basis. Up to 50 percent of the grantee's match  
446 may consist of in-kind funds. Up to 30 percent of all grant  
447 funds may be awarded on a nonmatching basis, ~~including~~  
448 ~~individual fellowships.~~

449 (11) An applicant seeking a recommendation from a reviewer  
450 for grant funding may not have a substantial interest as set

451 forth in s. 120.569 in any of its requested recommendations.

452 (12)~~(11)~~ The division may ~~shall~~ adopt rules to administer  
453 and implement this section.

454 (13) Effective upon this act becoming a law, the secretary  
455 shall request, and the council shall submit, an updated list of  
456 activities and programs that comply with the requirements of  
457 this section. After reviewing and making edits, the secretary  
458 shall submit a recommended list to the Legislature for funding  
459 consideration in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year  
460 2025-2026. The council and the secretary must give priority to  
461 activities and programs that support America250 and celebrate  
462 the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of  
463 Independence on July 4, 1776. This subsection applies only if  
464 the date this act becomes law occurs before the Legislature  
465 passes the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2025-2026.  
466 This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

467 **Section 12. Subsections (3), (4), and (7) of section**  
468 **265.2865, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

469 265.2865 Florida Artists Hall of Fame.—

470 (3) The Florida Council on Arts and Culture may ~~shall~~  
471 accept nominations annually for persons to be recommended as  
472 members of the Florida Artists Hall of Fame. The council may  
473 ~~shall~~ recommend to the Secretary of State persons to be named as  
474 members of the Florida Artists Hall of Fame. The council's  
475 recommended ~~council shall recommend as~~ members to ~~of~~ the Florida

476 Artists Hall of Fame must be persons who were born in Florida or  
477 adopted Florida as their home state and base of operation and  
478 who have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of  
479 the arts in this state.

480 (4) The Secretary of State shall name no more than three  
481 ~~four~~ members to the Florida Artists Hall of Fame in any one  
482 nomination year.

483 (7) The Secretary of State may ~~shall~~ annually request an  
484 appropriation sufficient to carry out the purposes of this  
485 section.

486 **Section 13. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**  
487 **265.701, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (6) is**  
488 **added to that section, to read:**

489 265.701 Cultural facilities; grants for ~~acquisition,~~  
490 ~~renovation,~~ or construction; funding; approval; allocation.—

491 (1) The Division of Arts and Culture may accept and  
492 administer moneys appropriated to it for providing grants to  
493 counties, municipalities, and qualifying nonprofit corporations  
494 for the ~~acquisition,~~ ~~renovation,~~ or construction of cultural  
495 facilities.

496 (2) A county, municipality, or qualified corporation may  
497 apply for a grant of state funds for the ~~acquisition,~~  
498 ~~renovation,~~ or construction of a cultural facility. For the  
499 purposes of this section, a "qualified corporation" is a  
500 corporation which is designated a not-for-profit corporation

501 pursuant to s. 501(c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 502 1954, and which is described in, and allowed to receive  
 503 contributions pursuant to the provisions of, s. 170 of the  
 504 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and which is a corporation not  
 505 for profit incorporated pursuant to chapter 617. The state grant  
 506 must be matched by a contribution from the county, municipality,  
 507 or nonprofit corporation in an amount to be determined by the  
 508 Department of State.

509 (3) The Florida Council on Arts and Culture shall review  
 510 each application for a grant to ~~acquire,~~ renovate, or construct  
 511 a cultural facility which is submitted pursuant to subsection  
 512 (2) and shall submit annually to the Secretary of State for  
 513 approval lists of all applications that are recommended by the  
 514 council for the award of grants, arranged in order of priority.  
 515 The secretary may review and edit the list to ensure that state  
 516 grant funds awarded under this section are expended in  
 517 compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and  
 518 regulations and are used only for activities and programs that  
 519 are appropriate for all age groups. The secretary shall submit  
 520 the recommended list to the Legislature for funding  
 521 consideration. The division may allocate grants only for  
 522 projects that are approved or for which funds are appropriated  
 523 by the Legislature. ~~Projects approved and recommended by the~~  
 524 ~~Secretary of State which are not funded by the Legislature shall~~  
 525 ~~be retained on the project list for the following grant cycle~~

526 ~~only. All projects that are retained shall be required to submit~~  
527 ~~such information as may be required by the department as of the~~  
528 ~~established deadline date of the latest grant cycle in order to~~  
529 ~~adequately reflect the most current status of the project.~~

530 (6) Effective upon this act becoming a law, the secretary  
531 shall request, and the council shall submit, an updated list of  
532 projects that comply with the requirements of this section.  
533 After reviewing and making edits, the secretary shall submit the  
534 recommended list to the Legislature for funding consideration in  
535 the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2025-2026. The  
536 council and the secretary shall give priority in their funding  
537 recommendations to projects that support America 250 and  
538 celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the  
539 Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This subsection  
540 applies only if the date this act becomes law occurs before the  
541 Legislature passes the General Appropriations Act for fiscal  
542 year 2025-2026. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

543 **Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 265.703, Florida**  
544 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

545 265.703 Citizen support organizations; use of state  
546 administrative services and property; audit.—

547 (1) CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS.—The division may  
548 support the establishment of citizen support organizations to  
549 provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the  
550 cultural, arts, historical, ~~and~~ museum, and international and

551 intergovernmental programs of the division. For the purposes of  
 552 this section, a "citizen support organization" means an  
 553 organization which is:

554 (a) A Florida corporation not for profit incorporated  
 555 under the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the  
 556 Department of State.

557 (b) Organized and operated to conduct programs and  
 558 activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and  
 559 bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and  
 560 administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of  
 561 value, or other property, real or personal; and make  
 562 expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the  
 563 division, ~~or individual program units,~~ or international and  
 564 intergovernmental programs of the division.

565 (c) Determined by the division to be consistent with the  
 566 goals of the division and in the best interests of the state.

567 (d) Approved in writing by the division to operate for the  
 568 direct or indirect benefit of the division. Such approval shall  
 569 be given in a letter of agreement from the division.

570 **Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**  
 571 **265.803, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

572 265.803 Florida Folklife Council.—

573 (1) (a) The Florida Folklife Council is created as a sub-  
 574 council within part of the Florida Council on Arts and Culture  
 575 created by s. 265.285 ~~Department of State,~~ to consist of seven

576 members appointed by the Secretary of State from the membership  
577 of the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The Secretary of  
578 State shall appoint each member for a 4-year term and shall  
579 appoint a successor for each member within 90 days after the  
580 expiration of the member's term. The Secretary of State shall  
581 fill any vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term within  
582 90 days after the vacancy occurs. Members shall be appointed to  
583 provide geographical, cultural, traditional ~~ethnic~~, and  
584 professional representation on the council.

585 **Section 16. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section**  
586 **267.0612, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

587 267.0612 Florida Historical Commission; creation;  
588 membership; powers and duties.—In order to enhance public  
589 participation and involvement in the preservation and protection  
590 of the state's historic and archaeological sites and properties,  
591 there is created within the Department of State the "Florida  
592 Historical Commission." The commission shall serve in an  
593 advisory capacity to the director of the Division of Historical  
594 Resources to assist the director in carrying out the purposes,  
595 duties, and responsibilities of the division, as specified in  
596 this chapter.

597 (6) It shall be the responsibility of the commission to  
598 provide assistance, advice, and recommendations to the division  
599 in:

600 (c) Evaluating proposals for awards of special category



601 historic preservation grants-in-aid administered by the  
 602 division. Pursuant thereto, the commission shall review and  
 603 evaluate proposals for special category grants and shall make  
 604 recommendations, including a priority ranking, reflecting such  
 605 evaluation. In making such evaluation and recommendations, the  
 606 commission shall, at a minimum, consider the purpose, economic  
 607 and other public benefit, location, compatibility with statewide  
 608 historic preservation priorities, and cost of each proposal for  
 609 special category grant assistance. Special category historic  
 610 preservation grants-in-aid recommendations of the commission  
 611 shall be reviewed by the Secretary of State as provided in s.  
 612 267.0617.

613 **Section 17. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 267.0617,**  
 614 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

615 267.0617 Historic Preservation Grant Program.—

616 (2) The division is authorized to conduct and carry out a  
 617 program of historic preservation grants-in-aid, including  
 618 matching grants, to any department or agency of the state; any  
 619 unit of county, municipal, or other local government; any  
 620 corporation, partnership, or other organization, whether public  
 621 or private or whether or not for profit; or any individual for  
 622 projects having as their purpose the identification,  
 623 acquisition, protection, preservation, rehabilitation,  
 624 restoration, or construction of historic sites and properties,  
 625 or Florida history, or the planning of such activities. Funds

626 appropriated from general revenue for the historic preservation  
627 grants-in-aid program shall not be provided for a project owned  
628 by private individuals or owned by for-profit corporations. ~~All~~  
629 ~~moneys received from any source as appropriations, deposits, or~~  
630 ~~contributions to this program shall be paid and credited to the~~  
631 ~~Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund.~~

632 (3) All grants of state funds to assist in the  
633 preservation of historic properties ~~shall be made from the~~  
634 ~~Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund~~ and may be awarded  
635 only pursuant to applications for such assistance made to the  
636 Division of Historical Resources. The Florida Historical  
637 Commission shall review each application for a special category  
638 historic preservation grant-in-aid. ~~Special category historic~~  
639 ~~preservation grants in aid are those reviewed and recommended by~~  
640 ~~the Secretary of State for submission for legislative funding~~  
641 ~~consideration.~~ Grant review panels appointed by the Secretary of  
642 State and chaired by a member of the Florida Historical  
643 Commission or a designee appointed by the commission's presiding  
644 officer shall review each application for other historic  
645 preservation grants-in-aid. Each ~~The~~ reviewing body shall submit  
646 annually to the Secretary of State ~~for approval~~ lists of all  
647 historic preservation grant-in-aid applications that are  
648 recommended by the reviewing body for the award of grants,  
649 arranged in order of priority. The Secretary of State may review  
650 and edit the recommended lists to ensure that state grant funds

651 awarded under this section are expended in compliance with all  
652 federal, state, and local laws and regulations and are used only  
653 for activities and programs that are appropriate for all age  
654 groups. The Secretary shall submit the recommended lists to the  
655 Legislature for funding consideration.

656 **Section 18.** Section 267.0722, Florida Statutes, is  
657 repealed.

658 **Section 19. Section 267.075, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
659 **to read:**

660 267.075 The Grove; management; stewardship ~~Advisory~~  
661 ~~Council; creation; membership; purposes.-~~

662 (1) The Call/Collins House, commonly known as "The Grove,"  
663 located in Tallahassee, Leon County, shall be utilized as a  
664 house museum of history for the educational benefit of the  
665 citizens of this state. The utilization of The Grove as a museum  
666 of history shall emphasize the lives and accomplishments of The  
667 Grove's first owner, Richard Keith Call, Florida's last  
668 Territorial Governor, and LeRoy Collins, Florida's 33rd  
669 Governor, who, with his wife, Mary Call Darby Collins, were the  
670 last owners of The Grove. The faithful restoration and  
671 maintenance of The Grove undertaken by LeRoy Collins and Mary  
672 Call Darby Collins during the nearly six decades of Collins  
673 family ownership and stewardship which has preserved the  
674 original plan of construction and design of The Grove shall be  
675 continued as provided for in this section.

676 ~~(2) There is created within the Department of State The~~  
677 ~~Grove Advisory Council for the purpose of advising the Division~~  
678 ~~of Historical Resources on the operation, maintenance,~~  
679 ~~preservation, and protection of the Call/Collins House, commonly~~  
680 ~~known as "The Grove," its grounds, cemetery, and all structures~~  
681 ~~thereon; the furniture and furnishings located therein; any~~  
682 ~~changes in the architecture, structure, furnishings, or~~  
683 ~~landscaping deemed necessary or desirable by the council; and~~  
684 ~~the design and development of interpretive programs and exhibits~~  
685 ~~in connection therewith.~~

686 ~~(3) (a) The Grove Advisory Council shall be composed of~~  
687 ~~eight members, as follows:~~

688 ~~1. Five members shall be private citizens appointed by the~~  
689 ~~Secretary of State.~~

690 ~~2. One member shall be the Secretary of Management~~  
691 ~~Services or his or her designee.~~

692 ~~3. One member shall be the director of the Division of~~  
693 ~~Historical Resources of the Department of State.~~

694 ~~4. At least one member shall be a direct descendant of~~  
695 ~~Mary Call Darby Collins appointed by the Secretary of State with~~  
696 ~~the advice of the oldest living generation of lineal descendants~~  
697 ~~of Mary Call Darby Collins.~~

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699 ~~Of the citizen members, at least one member shall have~~  
700 ~~professional curatorial and museum expertise, one member shall~~

701 ~~have professional architectural expertise in the preservation of~~  
702 ~~historic buildings, and one member shall have professional~~  
703 ~~landscape expertise. The five citizen members of the council~~  
704 ~~appointed by the Secretary of State and the member of the~~  
705 ~~council who is a direct descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins~~  
706 ~~appointed by the Secretary of State shall be appointed for~~  
707 ~~staggered 4-year terms. The Secretary of State shall fill the~~  
708 ~~remainder of unexpired terms for the five citizen members of the~~  
709 ~~council and the member of the council who is a direct descendant~~  
710 ~~of Mary Call Darby Collins.~~

711 ~~(b) The council shall annually elect a chair from among~~  
712 ~~the five citizen members of the council appointed by the~~  
713 ~~Secretary of State and the member of the council who is a direct~~  
714 ~~descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins appointed by the Secretary~~  
715 ~~of State. The chair shall serve for a term of 1 year. Meetings~~  
716 ~~of the council shall be held at the call of the chair, at the~~  
717 ~~request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the~~  
718 ~~Secretary of State, or at such times as may be prescribed by~~  
719 ~~rules of the council. The council shall meet at least twice~~  
720 ~~annually. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum~~  
721 ~~for the transaction of business.~~

722 ~~(c) The council shall obtain clerical, expert, technical,~~  
723 ~~or other services from the Division of Historical Resources. The~~  
724 ~~Department of Management Services shall provide reasonable~~  
725 ~~assistance to the Department of State in carrying out the~~

726 ~~purposes of this section.~~

727 ~~(d) Members of the council shall serve without~~  
728 ~~compensation or honorarium but shall be entitled to receive~~  
729 ~~reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.~~  
730 ~~112.061. All expenses of the council shall be paid from~~  
731 ~~appropriations to be made by the Legislature to the Department~~  
732 ~~of State. All vouchers shall be approved by the Division of~~  
733 ~~Historical Resources before being submitted to the Chief~~  
734 ~~Financial Officer for payment.~~

735 (2)(4)(a) The Division of Historical Resources, ~~with the~~  
736 ~~advice and assistance of the council,~~ shall maintain the  
737 structure, style, character, and landscaping of The Grove, its  
738 grounds, its private family cemetery, and all structures thereon  
739 consistent with the character, plan, and design of The Grove at  
740 the time the state takes physical possession of The Grove and  
741 its surrounding property from Mary Call Darby Collins. It shall  
742 preserve and protect the antique furnishings and other articles  
743 of furniture, fixtures, and decorative objects and articles used  
744 or displayed in the premises.

745 (b) The Division of Historical Resources shall catalog and  
746 maintain a descriptive, photographic inventory of the  
747 furnishings, fixtures, and decorative objects and articles used  
748 or displayed in the premises.

749 (c) The Division of Historical Resources may receive, on  
750 behalf of the state, contributions, bequests, and gifts of

751 money, furniture, works of art, memorabilia, or other property  
 752 consistent with the use of The Grove as described in this  
 753 section. Title to all property which is received in this manner  
 754 shall vest in the state and shall be held in trust by the  
 755 Division of Historical Resources solely to further the purposes  
 756 of this section. No furniture, furnishings, fixtures, or  
 757 decorative objects acquired from the Collins family or any of  
 758 its members shall be used for any purpose except as a permanent  
 759 part of The Grove's furniture, furnishings, fixtures, or  
 760 decorative objects, and any such item not so utilized shall  
 761 forthwith revert to the Collins family member or members from  
 762 whom it was acquired. ~~No gifts, contributions, or bequests shall~~  
 763 ~~be accepted for The Grove without the advice and recommendation~~  
 764 ~~of the council.~~

765 **Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 267.21, Florida**  
 766 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

767 267.21 Historic Cemeteries Program.—

768 (2) (a) The Historic Cemeteries Program shall, subject to  
 769 legislative appropriation, provide grants to the following  
 770 entities:

771 1. ~~(a)~~ Research institutions, colleges and universities,  
 772 and qualified nonprofit organizations, for the purpose of  
 773 conducting genealogical and historical research necessary to  
 774 identify and contact the relatives and descendants of persons  
 775 buried in abandoned African-American cemeteries.

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776 2.~~(b)~~ Local governments and qualified nonprofit  
777 organizations, for the purposes of repairing, restoring, and  
778 maintaining abandoned African-American cemeteries.

779 (b) All grants of state funds to assist abandoned African-  
780 American cemeteries may be awarded only pursuant to applications  
781 for such assistance made to the division. The Florida Historic  
782 Cemeteries Program Advisory Council shall review each  
783 application for an abandoned African-American cemeteries grant  
784 made under this section. The council shall submit annually to  
785 the Secretary of State a list of all abandoned African-American  
786 cemeteries applications that it recommends for the award of  
787 grants, arranged in order of priority. The Secretary of State  
788 may review and edit the list to ensure that state grant funds  
789 awarded under this section are expended in compliance with all  
790 federal, state, and local laws and regulations and are used only  
791 for activities and programs that are appropriate for all age  
792 groups. The Secretary of State shall submit a recommended list  
793 to the Legislature for funding consideration.

794 **Section 21. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 267.22,**  
795 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

796 267.22 Historic Cemeteries Program Advisory Council.—

797 (1) The Historic Cemeteries Program Advisory Council, an  
798 advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is created as a sub-  
799 council within the Florida Historical Commission created by s.  
800 267.0612 ~~division~~ and shall consist of at least five but no more



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801 than nine members appointed by the Florida Historical Commission  
802 ~~Secretary of State~~ after considering the recommendations of the  
803 director of the division. The council must be composed of an  
804 inclusive group of members who are regionally distributed and  
805 representative of communities throughout this state and may  
806 include members of the Florida Historical Commission. Members in  
807 place on July 1, 2025, may serve for the remainder of their  
808 respective terms. New appointments to the council may not be  
809 made until the retirement, resignation, removal, or expiration  
810 of the terms of the initial members results in fewer than five  
811 members remaining. ~~Members shall serve 4-year terms; however,~~  
812 ~~for the purpose of providing staggered terms, four of the~~  
813 ~~appointees initially shall be appointed to 2-year terms and the~~  
814 ~~remaining five shall be appointed to 4-year terms. All new~~  
815 ~~subsequent~~ appointments shall be for 2-year ~~4-year~~ terms.  
816 ~~Annually~~ ~~As soon as practicable after July 1, 2023,~~ the council  
817 shall ~~meet to~~ elect a chair from its membership. Except as  
818 otherwise provided in this section, the council shall operate in  
819 a manner consistent with s. 20.052.

820 (2) The council shall provide guidance and recommendations  
821 to the division and the Florida Historical Commission regarding  
822 the duties and responsibilities of the Historic Cemeteries  
823 Program created under s. 267.21. The council must also evaluate  
824 proposals for awards of abandoned African-American cemeteries  
825 grants, as authorized by s. 267.21(2). Pursuant thereto, the

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826 council must review and evaluate proposals for abandoned  
827 African-American cemeteries grants and make recommendations to  
828 the Secretary of State, including providing a priority ranking,  
829 reflecting the evaluation. In making its evaluation and  
830 recommendations, the council shall, at a minimum, consider the  
831 purpose, public benefit, location, and cost of each proposal for  
832 grant assistance. Abandoned African-American cemeteries grants  
833 recommendations of the council shall be reviewed by the  
834 Secretary of State in accordance with s. 267.21(2).

835 **Section 22.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
836 law.