

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 273
HOUSE BILL 501

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE MANSION FINE ARTS COMMISSION.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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5 **Section 1.** There is hereby created the Executive Mansion Fine Arts Commission,
6 consisting of sixteen members, who shall be appointed by the Governor on or before July 1,
7 1967, for terms as follows: Four members for one year; four members for two years; four
8 members for three years; and four members for four years. At the expiration of the foregoing
9 terms all members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The term of each member shall
10 commence on July 1 of the year in which appointed, and each member shall serve until his
11 successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring for reasons other than expiration
12 of the term shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor shall appoint
13 the Chairman of the Commission.

14 Any public officer appointed to the Commission shall serve ex officio in addition to
15 his duties imposed by law.

16 **Sec. 2.** The purpose of the Commission shall be: (1) To preserve and maintain the
17 Executive Mansion, located at 200 North Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as a structure
18 having historical significance and value to the State of North Carolina; (2) to improve the
19 furnishings of the Executive Mansion by encouraging gifts and objects of art, furniture and
20 articles which may have historical value, and to approve major changes in the furnishings of the
21 Mansion; (3) to recommend to the Department of Administration any major renovations to the
22 Executive Mansion which the Commission deems necessary to preserve and maintain the
23 structure; (4) to keep a complete list of all gifts and articles received, together with their history
24 and value and to request the assistance of the State Department of Archives and History for this
25 purpose; and (5) to publicize work of the Commission.

26 **Sec. 3.** The Commission is hereby empowered on behalf of the State of North
27 Carolina to receive gifts, contributions of money and objects of art consistent with the purpose
28 for which the Commission is created. Title to all gifts, articles and monies received by the
29 Commission shall be vested in the State of North Carolina and shall remain in the custody and
30 control of the Commission. The Commission is authorized to accept loans of furniture and
31 other objects as, in its discretion, it deems suitable. The Commission is empowered to employ
32 clerical assistance on such basis as it may deem reasonable. Provided, however, that the salary
33 of such persons shall be paid out of funds the Commission has received in the conduct of its
34 work, and it is specifically provided that no other funds belonging to the State of North
35 Carolina shall be used for this purpose. The Commission shall be empowered to expend such
36 funds as it may receive, under this Act, in such manner as it deems appropriate and consistent
37 with the purposes set forth herein. The Commission shall keep an account of receipts and
38 expenditures and the State Auditor shall, at least annually, make a complete audit of the books
39 and records of the Commission and report the result of his audit to the Governor. The
40 Commission may do all things necessary and proper to achieve the purposes set forth in this
41 Act.

42 **Sec. 4.** Members of the Commission shall not receive any per diem, travel or
43 expense allowance or any compensation from any State funds whatsoever, except, in the

1 discretion of the Commission, from those funds received by the Commission under Section 3 of
2 this Act.

3 **Sec. 5.** The Director of the State Department of Archives and History is directed to
4 provide such reasonable assistance as he may be requested by the Commission to render for the
5 purposes of carrying out the provisions of item (4) of Section 2 of this Act.

6 **Sec. 6.** All unexpended funds and assets of the existing Executive Mansion Fine
7 Arts Committee shall be transferred immediately to the Executive Mansion Fine Arts
8 Commission.

9 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall not be construed as divesting the Department of
10 Administration of any powers, duties and authority relating to the budget or the operation and
11 maintenance of the Executive Mansion.

12 **Sec. 8.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

13 **Sec. 9.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

14 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of May,
15 1967.