

  
Councilmember Jack Evans

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to establish the duration of specified terms for members of the Commission for the purpose of maintaining the staggered expiration of terms required by the act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Temporary Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Section 4(b) of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203(b)), is amended to read as follows:

“(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (c) of this section, all members of the Commission shall be appointed to 3-year terms that shall commence on July 1st in the year of appointment and expire on June 30th of the 3rd year. Terms shall be staggered so that 6 terms expire each year on June 30th. Members may be reappointed.

“(2) The term subsequent to the term being served pursuant to:

“(A) Confirmation Resolution 20-668 shall begin on July 1, 2017, and expire on June 30, 2018;

“(B) Confirmation Resolution 21-51 shall begin on July 1, 2017,

31 and expire on June 30, 2018;

32 “(C) Confirmation Resolution 20-673 shall begin on July 1, 2017,

33 and expire on June 30, 2018;

34 “(D) Confirmation Resolution 20-669 shall begin on July 1, 2017,

35 and expire on June 30, 2019; and

36 “(E) Confirmation Resolution 20-671 shall begin on July 1, 2017,

37 and expire on June 30, 2019.”.

38 Sec. 3. Applicability.

39 This act shall apply as of July 10, 2017.

40 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

41 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
42 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
43 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

44 Sec. 5. Effective date.

45 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
46 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review  
47 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
48 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
49 Columbia Register.

50 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Councilmember Jack Evans

**FROM:** John Hoellen, Deputy General Counsel *JH*

**DATE:** June 26, 2017

**RE:** Legal sufficiency determination for the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Temporary Amendment Act of 2017

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The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

The measure amends the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act.<sup>1</sup> The act requires that each term of the 18-member Commission be 3 years and that the expiration of the terms be staggered, with 6 terms expiring every year. Inadvertently, the staggered expiration format was not maintained. For the purpose of restoring the staggered expirations required by the act, the amendment establishes a one-time exception to the 3-year requirement by providing that 5 specified upcoming terms will be either one year or 2 years.

I am available if you have any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203).