

## **Creative Arts Industries Commission—Kansas Arts Commission; Senate Sub. for HB 2454**

**Senate Sub. for HB 2454** creates the Creative Arts Industries Commission (CAIC) within the Department of Commerce. The bill merges the existing powers, functions, and duties of the Kansas Arts Commission and the Kansas Film Commission. Under the bill, CAIC is the official state program for the arts and is charged with promoting, supporting, coordinating, fostering, developing, and measuring the outcomes of the arts. The Kansas Arts Commission and the Kansas Film Services Commission are abolished.

The CAIC is administered under the authority of the Kansas Department of Commerce. Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of Commerce shall provide staff consisting of a director and other assistance as may be required by the CAIC in performance of its duties.

### ***Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission***

The bill creates the CAIC. The CAIC consists of 11 members, who serve for terms of three years and could be reappointed to a term of three years. Under the provisions of the bill, members may not serve more than two terms. Additionally, there will always be at least one member from each congressional district. All members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed to terms of three years. However, in the initial appointment, three of the gubernatorial appointees shall be appointed for two-year terms and two shall be appointed to three-year terms. The Governor shall designate the term for which each of the members first appointed shall serve. The members of the CAIC include the following:

- Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; and
- Five members appointed by the Governor.

The bill directs that members of the CAIC should broadly represent the major fields of the arts and related creative industries. Additionally, the bill directs the appointees shall be appointed from among private citizens who are widely known for having competence and experience in connection with the arts and related creative industries or business leaders with an interest in promoting the arts and the creative industries.

The CAIC shall meet on the call of the chair, but not less than four times during each calendar year and meetings may take place in various locations across Kansas.

### ***Tax Checkoff***

The bill also creates a new individual income tax checkoff program to provide an additional funding source for the CAIC. Beginning in tax year 2013, individual income taxpayers will have the option of donating to the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission Checkoff Fund. All moneys deposited in the fund will be used to fund the CAIC. CAIC can authorize the use of its logo to be affixed on license plates issued to support the Kansas arts according to

KSA 2011 Supp. 8-1,161. Any royalty payment to CAIC derived from the sale of the Kansas arts license plates will be credited to the CAIC special gifts fund.