

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116

Approved by the Governor April 20, 1979

Introduced by Fowler, 27; Cope, 36

AN ACT to adopt the Nebraska Art Collection Act; and to provide duties.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Art Collection Act.

Sec. 2. The purpose of this act is to assist and encourage the artistic creations of Nebraska artists through the purchase and display of works of art, to beautify public places by increasing the availability of works of art for exhibition, and to foster appreciation and understanding of art by making it more accessible to the public.

Sec. 3. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Art shall mean the conscious use of skill, taste, and creative imagination in the production of aesthetic objects and may include sculpture, painting, photography, prints, tapestries, weavings, film, videotape, folk arts and crafts, graphic design, pottery, architectural sketches, and other items considered to be art; and

(2) Nebraska artists shall mean artists born in Nebraska, artists who have worked in or received a portion of their training in Nebraska, or artists living in Nebraska at the time of purchase of their works of art.

Sec. 4. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges may establish a Nebraska Art Collection program at Kearney State College. The Nebraska Art Collection shall be administered by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the president of Kearney State College. The Board of Trustees shall designate a curator for the collection. The Board of Trustees shall appoint any advisory committees it deems necessary to aid in the administration of the art collection.

Sec. 5. The collection shall be one that is representative of various mediums, styles, and periods of Nebraska artists and shall be representative of Nebraska's ethnic, racial minority, and cultural groups.

Sec. 6. Art collected under this act may be displayed in museums, government buildings, schools, hospitals, libraries, public malls, community theaters, colleges and universities, state and county fairs, city halls, county courthouses, and other public places. It may be placed on temporary loan or displayed through traveling displays. Efforts should be made to display the art as widely throughout the state as possible in places where it is accessible to the public.

Sec. 7. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the president of Kearney State College shall approve procedures for the acceptance of donations or loans of art that meet the criteria of this act.

Sec. 8. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the president of Kearney State College, through the curator, may apply for and receive aid or grants from state sources, private foundations, local art organizations, or the federal government.