

**ACT No. 600**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND NANCY LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:900.1(C) and (E), relative to the Percent for Art Program; to  
3 limit the maximum amount of state money per project to be spent under the program;  
4 to provide for works of art for institutions of postsecondary education; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 25:900.1(C) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §900.1. Percent for Art program; established; implementation

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11 C. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever more than two  
12 million dollars of state funds, whether obtained from the sale of bonds or otherwise,  
13 is to be spent by a state agency for the construction or renovation of a state building,  
14 the agency that contracts for the construction or renovation shall expend the lesser  
15 of four hundred fifty thousand dollars or one percent of the state money to be  
16 expended for the project to acquire, conserve, or restore and install works of art for  
17 display in, on, or on the grounds of the state building. The four hundred fifty  
18 thousand dollar maximum shall apply to all projects begun on or after August 1,  
19 2016. No new contracts shall be entered into after October 1, 2016, to acquire,  
20 conserve, restore, or install works of art under this Section for existing projects if  
21 such contract would increase the total expenditure for art for such project under the  
22 Percent for Art program to exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars. The work or

1 works of art for the project shall be chosen as provided in Subsection E of this  
 2 Section. In the case of a renovation of a state building, the required expenditure or  
 3 a portion thereof may be for restoration or conservation of an existing work of art  
 4 associated with the state building which is to be renovated.

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6 E. Each work of art acquired, restored, or conserved as provided in this  
 7 Section shall be selected or determined by the assistant secretary of the office of  
 8 cultural development of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism who  
 9 shall request the advice of and consult with the contracting agency, the state agency  
 10 who will occupy or operate the building, the Louisiana State Arts Council, and the  
 11 project architect. When selecting such works of art, preference shall be given to  
 12 works of art of Louisiana artists. When selecting works of art for an institution of  
 13 postsecondary education, preference shall be given to works of art created by  
 14 students and faculty in art programs offered by that institution or institutions under  
 15 the same postsecondary management board.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_