



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Education)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the position of Ohio Poet Laureate, to be appointed by the Governor and administered by the Ohio Arts Council.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates the position of Ohio Poet Laureate, to be appointed by the Governor and administered by the Ohio Arts Council.¹

Under the bill, the term of office for the Ohio Poet Laureate is two years, with the initial term beginning on January 1, 2016.² The Ohio Arts Council must adopt guidelines for the qualifications of the Ohio Poet Laureate.³ Based on those qualifications, the Arts Council must submit to the Governor a list of not less than three recommended candidates not less than 90 days prior to the beginning of the Poet Laureate's term of office.⁴

The bill provides that, if the Ohio Poet Laureate dies, resigns, or otherwise vacates or is unable to perform the duties of the position during the individual's unexpired term of office, the Arts Council must recommend to the Governor a

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Education Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3379.03(F) and 3379.12(A).

² R.C. 3379.12(B).

³ R.C. 3379.03(F).

⁴ R.C. 3379.12(A).

candidate to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Arts Council must make that recommendation not later than 60 days after the vacancy occurs.⁵

The bill specifies that an individual may be reappointed to subsequent terms at the discretion of the Governor.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-14-13
Reported, S. State Gov't Oversight & Reform	06-03-14
Passed Senate (31-0)	06-04-14
Reported, H. Education	---

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⁵ R.C. 3379.12(C).

⁶ R.C. 3379.12(D).

