

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 52 of Article 78A - Public Works, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed:

Article 78A - Public Works

[52.

(a) The Secretary of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint three persons as a Commission on Artistic Property, to keep a continuing inventory of valuable paintings and other decorative arts in all State buildings and premises in the Annapolis area; said Commission to be part of the Department of General Services. The Commission also shall provide for the location, proper care, custody, restoration, display, and preservation of these paintings and other decorative arts.

(b) The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of General Services. They shall receive no salary but may be compensated from time to time for expenses in accordance with the standard travel regulations, incurred in the discharge of their duties. From time to time the Secretary of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint one member of the Commission to serve as its chairman.

(c) The Commission shall have such staff and funds as provided in the budget. Also, and with the approval of the Secretary of General Services or the Governor, the Commission, on behalf of the State of Maryland, may receive and accept gifts and loans of paintings and other decorative arts, thereafter caring for these objects as part of the Commission's regular duties.

(d) The Commission, with the approval of the Governor, may accept gifts of money from any source, public or private, and thereafter administer and expend the funds according to the conditions and terms of the gift. ]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 52 be and it is hereby added to Article 78A - Public Works, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

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(A) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT FIVE PERSONS AS A COMMISSION ON ARTISTIC PROPERTY, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS