ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1624

By: Staggs and Wells of the House

and

Robinson of the Senate

(Oklahoma Historical Societies – Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Board – providing for membership – appointment – codification – effective date – emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 231 of Title 53, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, a board to be designated as the "Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Board". The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the initial members appointed, two shall serve for two (2) years, two shall serve for four (4) years, and three shall serve for six (6) years as the Governor may direct. After the initial appointment, all members shall serve six-year terms. Selection of members shall be made from those individuals who have shown a sincere desire to recognize Oklahoma's contribution to music.

B. The Board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among the membership to serve for one (1) year. Members of the Board shall not be compensated for their services, but each member shall be entitled to reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel

Reimbursement Act for expenses incurred in attending Board meetings. The Board shall meet quarterly and at such other times as its rules may prescribe. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. The Board may appoint and fix the salaries and duties of an executive secretary or director and such staff as may be necessary for the performance of its duties, purposes and functions.

C. It shall be the function and main purpose of the Board to honor those, living or dead, who, by achievement or service, have made outstanding and lasting contributions to music in Oklahoma or elsewhere. The Board may adopt such rules as may be needed to carry out its duties, purposes and functions. Also, it may conduct surveys and polls and may appoint such committees and representatives as it may determine necessary or desirable.

D. The Board shall be responsible for selecting a suitable site and/or facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma, which shall be dedicated to the research, archiving and display of Oklahoma's musical heritage and the individuals contributing to such heritage.

E. The Board may:

1. Solicit and accept donations, contributions and gifts of money and property;

2. Expend funds donated or contributed for its support;

3. Acquire and hold real estate or interest therein or personal property in its own name; and

4. Charge admission fees.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 232 of Title 53, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Board to be designated the "Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall

consist of all monies received by the Board from admission fees, private and public donations, contributions, and gifts. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Board for the purpose of creating, operating, staffing and maintaining an Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, and any legitimate expenses of the Board. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of February, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

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President of the Senate