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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5  
AS AMENDED BY  
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

CREATING A DELAWARE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the development of a strong motion picture and television industry would contribute substantially to the improvement of the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, the development of a strong motion picture and television industry would contribute to the social well-being of the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware offers outstanding and unique human and natural resources for the development of a strong motion picture and television industry;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 148<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, with the approval of the Governor, that a Delaware Motion Picture and Television Development Commission is hereby created;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall be established as follows:

1. This Commission shall be formed under the Delaware Department of Finance;
2. There shall be nine members of the Commission who are citizens of the State of Delaware: Five members shall be appointed by the Governor, two members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3. Appointed members shall serve terms up to three years, excepting the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
4. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms, so that no more than five members' terms shall expire in any one calendar year;
5. Two additional members shall be ex-officio: the Secretary of Finance or his or her designee and the Secretary of Department of Environmental Control and Natural Resources or his or her designee.
6. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation;
7. Members of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment;
8. The Commission may appoint such other representatives of government agencies and nonprofit organizations as it may deem appropriate to appoint and they shall be ex-officio, non-voting members; and
9. The Commission may create subcommittees, which may consist of nonmembers, to facilitate its work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall organize itself in such manner as it deems desirable and necessary, but no action shall be taken or motion or resolution adopted by the Commission except by an affirmative vote of a majority of the authorized members of said body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware Motion Picture and Television Development Commission shall have the following powers:

- (a) To adopt such rules and regulations as it deems advisable with respect to the conduct of its own affairs;
- (b) To hold hearings, and to do or perform any acts which may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purposes of this Commission;
- (c) To request and obtain from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the State or of any county, municipality, authority or other political subdivision within the State such assistance and data as will enable it to carry out its powers and duties hereunder;
- (d) To accept any federal funds granted, by Act of Congress, or by executive order, for all or any of the purposes of this Commission;
- (e) To accept any gifts, donations, bequests or grants of funds from private and public agencies for all or any of the purposes of this commission;

- (f) To coordinate the activities of similar councils or boards appointed by any city or county within the State for all or any of the purposes of this commission;
- (g) To create advisory councils necessary for the performance of responsibilities pursuant to this commission and to appoint members thereto; and
- (h) To directly secure any and all location permits from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the State or from any county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision within the State for applicants interested in motion picture and television production within the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware Motion Picture and Television Development Commission shall prepare and implement programs to promote a motion picture and television industry within the state. Such programs shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) The preparation and distribution of promotional and informational materials pointing out desirable locations within the State, explaining the benefits and advantages of producing within the State, and detailing the services available at the State and local level and within the industry;
- (b) Facilitate cooperation from local government, State and Federal government agencies and private sector groups in regard to applications, locations, production and ancillary facilities;
- (c) Cooperate with all sections of management and labor engaged in the motion picture and television industry; and
- (d) Appear on its own behalf before boards, commissions, departments, or other agencies of municipal, county or state government, or the Federal Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware Motion Picture and Television Development Commission shall meet no less frequently than once each quarter of the calendar year, but may meet more often as set by the commission and that a majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on or before December 31 of each year, the Motion Picture and Television Development Commission shall make an annual report of its activities for the Governor and the General Assembly.