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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

CREATING A DELAWARE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

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

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

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE:

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

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

- 12 1. This Commission shall be formed under the Delaware Department of Finance;
- 13 2. Eight members shall be citizens of the State of Delaware appointed by the Governor;
- 14 3. Appointed members shall serve terms up to three years, excepting the Chairperson and Co-
15 Chairperson, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
- 16 4. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms, so that no more than five members' terms shall
17 expire in any one calendar year;
- 18 5. Two members shall be ex-officio, one of which shall be the Secretary of Finance;
- 19 6. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation;
- 20 7. Members of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment;

21 8. The Commission may appoint such other representatives of government agencies and nonprofit
22 organizations as it may deem appropriate to appoint and they shall be ex-officio, non-voting
23 members; and

24 9. The Commission may create subcommittees, which may consist of nonmembers, to facilitate its
25 work

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

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

- 31 (a) To adopt such rules and regulations as it deems advisable with respect to the conduct of its own affairs;
- 32 (b) To hold hearings, and to do or perform any acts which may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the
33 purposes of this Commission;
- 34 (c) To request and obtain from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the State
35 or of any county, municipality, authority or other political subdivision within the State such assistance and
36 data as will enable it to carry out its powers and duties hereunder;
- 37 (d) To accept any federal funds granted, by Act of Congress, or by executive order, for all or any of the purposes
38 of this Commission;
- 39 (e) To accept any gifts, donations, bequests or grants of funds from private and public agencies for all or any of
40 the purposes of this commission;
- 41 (f) To coordinate the activities of similar councils or boards appointed by any city or county within the State for
42 all or any of the purposes of this commission;
- 43 (g) To create advisory councils necessary for the performance of responsibilities pursuant to this commission and
44 to appoint members thereto; and
- 45 (h) To directly secure any and all location permits from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or
46 other agency of the State or from any county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision within the
47 State for applicants interested in motion picture and television production within the State.

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

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

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

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

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Joint Resolution creates a Delaware Motion Picture and Television Development Commission.

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