

HB 456 -- FUNDING PUBLIC ART IN CHARTER COUNTIES

SPONSOR: English

This bill requires, in charter counties, any contract for the design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, or remodeling of a county building to include 1% of the cost estimate for the project to be appropriated and transferred to a public art fund as established in the bill. The cost estimate must include engineering and architectural fees, but exclude land acquisition, site demolition, and site preparation.

Charter counties must establish a public art commission with five members appointed by the county executive. The members must be residents of the county and competent to determine the artistic value of works of art. After the initial staggered terms, members will be appointed for terms of three years. The commission must establish procedures for the submission of public art proposals, the review and selection of projects, and the administration of the public art fund. The commission will have the powers and will perform the duties necessary to implement these provisions.