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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1071, L.D. 1224, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Art in Public Buildings and Other Facilities."

Amend the bill in that part designated "§452." in subsection 5 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting in its place the following:

'B. "Public building" or "public facility" shall also include any new school construction project which has been approved by the State Board of Education after the effective date of this chapter unless the governing body of the school administrative unit where the project has been approved votes to exclude the project from the requirements of this chapter.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§452." in subsection 5, paragraph B, by striking out all of subparagraph (1).

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§453." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Amount; gifts and donations. Any contracting agency shall expend out of any moneys appropriated or allocated by the Legislature for the original construction of any public building or facility a minimum amount of 1% of the appropriation or allocation, or \$25,000, whichever is less, for the purpose of acquiring, transporting and installing works of art.

A. Donations and gifts to the contracting agency may be used to offset the minimum amount identified in this subsection. The value of works of art received as a donation or a gift shall be determined by the commission.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§457." in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting in its place the following:

'B. Approve the contracting agency's selection of the artist; if the commission does not approve the artist selected by the contracting agency, then the contracting agency shall select another artist in accordance with the procedure authorized in section 456, subsection 4; and'

Statement of Fact

This amendment authorizes school administrative units to choose not to be involved in the requirements of this chapter. Eligibility for future state reimbursements for any debt service costs related to a unit's school construction project will not be affected by a decision of the unit not to participate in "The Percent for Art Act." It also authorizes donations and gifts to be used to supplant the minimum amount of money which must be dedicated to works of art. Finally, it clarifies the responsibility

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of a contracting agency to select an artist whom the commission finds acceptable.

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