



## 2023 SENATE BILL 897

January 11, 2024 - Introduced by Senator JAMES, cosponsored by Representatives NOVAK, KITCHENS and MURSAU. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 41.62 (3), 247.03 (2) (a), 247.03 (2) (d) and 247.03 (2) (e) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation and the  
3             Wisconsin regranting program.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill changes the membership of the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation and makes various changes to WAEF and the Wisconsin regranting program administered by the Arts Board. WAEF is a nonprofit corporation created by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16 to support arts programs through tax deductible contributions. The WAEF is currently inactive.

Current law provides that WAEF's board of directors is to be composed of 14 members: eight nominees of the governor, two representatives to the assembly, two senators, the chairperson of the Arts Board or his or her designee, and the executive secretary of the Arts Board, as a nonvoting member. The bill changes the composition of the board of directors to four nominees of the governor, four representatives to the assembly, four senators, the chairperson of the Arts Board or his or her designee; and the executive secretary of the Arts Board, as a nonvoting member. Under the bill, all of those appointments must be made on or before July 1, 2024.

Under current law, WAEF may distribute moneys from the artistic endowment fund to the Wisconsin regranting program, which is administered by the Arts Board to award grants to local arts agencies and municipalities. Under current law, a recipient of a grant under the program must make a matching fund contribution

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equal to the amount of the grant awarded. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be applied to meet this requirement. The bill adds a requirement that the matching fund contribution be from a nonstate funding source.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 41.62 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           41.62 (3) No grant may be distributed under sub. (2) unless the local arts  
3 agency or municipality makes a matching fund contribution from a nonstate funding  
4 source that is equal to the amount of the grant awarded under this section. Private  
5 funds and in-kind contributions may be applied to meet the requirement of this  
6 subsection.

7           **SECTION 2.** 247.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           247.03 (2) (a) ~~Eight~~ Four nominees of the governor, who are residents of this  
9 state, represent the diverse artistic interests of the people of this state, and each  
10 represent ~~each of the~~ different geographic regions of the state, appointed for 7-year  
11 terms with the advice and consent of the senate. At least one of the nominees shall  
12 be knowledgeable in marketing and fund raising. Each member appointed under  
13 this paragraph may hold office until a successor is appointed.

14           **SECTION 3.** 247.03 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           247.03 (2) (d) ~~Two~~ Four representatives to the assembly, ~~one~~ 3 appointed by the  
16 speaker of the assembly and one appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

17           **SECTION 4.** 247.03 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           247.03 (2) (e) ~~Two~~ Four senators, ~~one~~ 3 appointed by the majority leader of the  
19 senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

**SENATE BILL 897****1 SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3 (a) Members of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment  
4 Foundation who were appointed more than 7 years before the effective date of this  
5 subsection may not hold office after the effective date of this subsection, regardless  
6 of whether a successor has been appointed.

7 (b) The appointing authorities under s. 247.03 (2) shall ensure that all  
8 members of the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation required to be appointed  
9 under s. 247.03 (2) (a), (d), and (e) are appointed on or before July 1, 2024.

10 (c) Notwithstanding s. 247.03 (2) (a), of the members of the board of directors  
11 of the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation appointed under par. (b), one of the  
12 members appointed under s. 247.03 (2) (a) shall be appointed for a 2-year term, one  
13 of the members appointed under s. 247.03 (2) (a) shall be appointed for a 4-year term,  
14 and one of the members appointed under s. 247.03 (2) (a) shall be appointed for a  
15 6-year term.

16 (END)