

**11.027 Meetings of commission -- Duties -- Prior legislative approval required for removal or installation of permanent displays in New State Capitol rotunda.**

- (1) The commission shall meet at least every six (6) months and when called into session by the chairman at the request of the Governor, of any two (2) or more members of the commission, or on his own motion.
- (2) The commission shall examine the Executive Mansion, the Old Governor's Mansion, the Vest Lindsey House, and the New State Capitol at least once each year, and the commission shall have authority over any construction, repairs, structural restoration, or renovation of these properties. The commission shall supervise the maintenance of a current inventory of all furnishings in the properties and the inventory shall be maintained by the Division of Historic Properties in the Department for Facilities and Support Services in the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The Division of Historic Properties shall maintain inventory records relating to all such property of the state and no such property shall be disposed of except upon recommendation of the director of the Division of Historic Properties with advice of the Historic Properties Advisory Commission. The proceeds realized from the sale of any items shall be deposited in the historic properties endowment fund, established by KRS 11.026, except that the proceeds realized from the sale of any items derived from, or related to, the Vest Lindsey House shall be deposited in the separate and distinct Ida Lee Willis-Vest Lindsey House endowment trust fund, established by KRS 11.026(8).
- (3)
  - (a) The commission shall recommend, from time to time, on the needs for furnishings, maintenance, repair, or renovation of the Executive Mansion, the Old Governor's Mansion, the Vest Lindsey House, and the New State Capitol; and the Department for Facilities and Support Services in the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall, from funds available, take the action recommended.
  - (b) The commission shall have final authority over articles placed in the properties and moneys spent on the Executive Mansion, the Vest Lindsey House, and the Old Governor's Mansion, except that the Kentucky Heritage Council shall have final authority over any moneys spent from the Ida Lee Willis-Vest Lindsey House endowment trust fund.
  - (c) The commission shall develop criteria for this display of objects on and for the use of the public areas of the basement and first and second floors of the New State Capitol and shall be consulted by the director of the Division of Historic Properties before objects are accepted for or removed from permanent display in the Capitol.
  - (d)
    1. No statue, monument, or object of art shall be installed or removed from permanent display in the New State Capitol rotunda without the approval of the General Assembly by means of an act or joint resolution explicitly identifying and authorizing the installation or removal of the statue, monument, or object.
    2. The commission may submit a detailed proposal to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate interim joint or standing committees, but shall have no authority to add or remove from

permanent display any statue, monument, or object of art from the New State Capitol rotunda without prior legislative approval.

3. If the Historic Properties Advisory Commission violates this paragraph, each member shall be jointly and severally liable for any and all costs to remove or reinstall the applicable statue, monument, or object of art in the New State Capitol rotunda.
  4. As used in this paragraph, "permanent" means of a long-term or indefinite period, with the presumed intention that the displayed statue, monument, or object of art will not be removed for the foreseeable future.
- (4) The commission shall provide coordination and make arrangements for an orderly transition between outgoing and incoming chief executives.

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