

## CHAPTER 97-305

### Senate Bill No. 1498

An act relating to Museum of Florida History programs; amending s. 267.072, F.S.; requiring the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State to establish and administer a program to recognize and record achievements of certain Floridians; providing criteria; providing requirements; providing for nominations and selection; authorizing the division to undertake certain recording and marketing activities; authorizing the division to collect a charge for providing certain materials; providing for deposit of such charges; creating s. 267.075, F.S.; creating The Grove Advisory Council within the Department of State; providing membership, meetings, and organization of the council; specifying uses of property; providing requirements of the Division of Historical Resources with respect to specified property; authorizing the division to receive specified funds and property; requiring the division to adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 267.072, Florida Statutes, to read:

267.072 Museum of Florida History programs.—

(1) The division shall:

(d) Establish and administer a program, to be entitled the Great Floridians program, which shall be designed to recognize and record the achievements of Floridians, living and deceased, who have made major contributions to the progress and welfare of this state.

1. The division shall nominate present or former citizens of this state, living or deceased, who during their lives have made major contributions to the progress of the nation or this state and its citizens. Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary of State who shall select from those nominated not less than two persons each year who shall be honored with the designation "Great Floridian," provided no person whose contributions have been through elected or appointed public service shall be selected while holding any such office.

2. To enhance public participation and involvement in the identification of any person worthy of being nominated as a Great Floridian, the division shall seek advice and assistance from persons qualified through the demonstration of special interest, experience, or education in the dissemination of knowledge about the state's history.

a. In formulating its nominations, the division shall also seek the assistance of the Florida History Associates, Inc., or its successor, acting in the

capacity as a citizen support organization of the division, pursuant to s. 267.17 and approved to act on behalf of the Museum of Florida History.

b. Annually, the division shall convene an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of the Governor, each member of the Florida Cabinet, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Florida History Associates, Inc. This committee shall meet at least twice. The committee shall nominate living citizens of this state who during their lives have made major contributions to the progress of the nation or this state and its citizens and shall from those nominated select each year not less than two persons whose names shall be submitted to the Secretary of State with the recommendation that they be honored with the designation "Great Floridian."

3. Upon designation of a person as a Great Floridian by the Secretary of State, the division shall undertake appropriate activities intended to achieve wide public knowledge of the person designated.

a. The division may seek to initiate production of a film or videotape depicting the life and contributions of the designee to this state and to the nation. If technology surpasses the use of film or videotape, another medium of equal quality may be used.

(I) In the production of such films, the division shall seek cooperation from local volunteers throughout the state and, in particular, shall seek fundraising and other assistance of the citizen support organization created pursuant to s. 267.17 to support the programs of the Museum of Florida History.

(II) In the case of persons nominated as Great Floridians as a result of the committee convened pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.b., the division shall immediately begin taking the steps necessary to produce a film depicting the contributions of such persons to this state and to the nation; however, the requirement to produce such a film shall be contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds by the Legislature.

(III) The Museum of Florida History shall be the repository of the original negative, the original master tape, and all cuttings, of any film or videotape produced under the authority of this paragraph. The division also may exercise the right of trademark over the terms "Great Floridian" or "Great Floridians" pursuant to s. 286.031.

(IV) The division shall arrange for the distribution of copies of all films to the general public, public television stations, educational institutions, and others and may establish a reasonable charge to recover costs associated with production and to provide a source of revenue to assist with reproduction, marketing, and distribution of Great Floridians films. Proceeds from such charges shall be deposited into the Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund.

b. Deceased persons designated as Great Floridians typically shall be recognized by markers affixed to properties significantly associated with the

major contributions of the designee. Such markers shall be erected pursuant to the provisions of s. 267.061(3)(n).

Section 2. Section 267.075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

267.075 The Grove Advisory Council; creation; membership; purposes.—

(1) The Call/Collins House, commonly known as “The Grove,” located in Tallahassee, Leon County, shall be utilized as a house museum of history for the educational benefit of the citizens of this state. The utilization of The Grove as a museum of history shall emphasize the lives and accomplishments of The Grove’s first owner, Richard Keith Call, Florida’s last Territorial Governor, and LeRoy Collins, Florida’s 33rd Governor, who, with his wife, Mary Call Darby Collins, were the last owners of The Grove. The faithful restoration and maintenance of The Grove undertaken by LeRoy Collins and Mary Call Darby Collins during the nearly six decades of Collins family ownership and stewardship which has preserved the original plan of construction and design of The Grove shall be continued as provided for in this section.

(2) There is created within the Department of State The Grove Advisory Council for the purpose of advising the Division of Historical Resources on the operation, maintenance, preservation, and protection of the Call/Collins House, commonly known as “The Grove,” its grounds, cemetery, and all structures thereon; the furniture and furnishings located therein; any changes in the architecture, structure, furnishings, or landscaping deemed necessary or desirable by the council; and the design and development of interpretive programs and exhibits in connection therewith.

(3)(a) The Grove Advisory Council shall be composed of eight members, as follows:

1. Five members shall be private citizens appointed by the Secretary of State.

2. One member shall be the director of the Division of Facilities Management of the Department of Management Services.

3. One member shall be the director of the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State.

4. At least one member shall be a direct descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins appointed by the Secretary of State with the advice of the oldest living generation of lineal descendants of Mary Call Darby Collins.

Of the citizen members, at least one member shall have professional curatorial and museum expertise, one member shall have professional architectural expertise in the preservation of historic buildings, and one member shall have professional landscape expertise. The five citizen members of the council appointed by the Secretary of State and the member of the council who is a direct descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins appointed by the Secretary of State shall be appointed for staggered 4-year terms. The Secretary of State shall fill the remainder of unexpired terms for the five citizen

members of the council and the member of the council who is a direct descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins.

(b) The council shall annually elect a chair from among the five citizen members of the council appointed by the Secretary of State and the member of the council who is a direct descendant of Mary Call Darby Collins appointed by the Secretary of State. The chair shall serve for a term of 1 year. Meetings of the council shall be held at the call of the chair, at the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the Secretary of State, or at such times as may be prescribed by rules of the council. The council shall meet at least twice annually. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) The council shall obtain clerical, expert, technical, or other services from the Division of Historical Resources. The Department of Management Services shall provide reasonable assistance to the Department of State in carrying out the purposes of this section.

(d) Members of the council shall serve without compensation or honorarium but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. All expenses of the council shall be paid from appropriations to be made by the Legislature to the Department of State. All vouchers shall be approved by the Division of Historical Resources before being submitted to the Comptroller for payment.

(4)(a) The Division of Historical Resources, with the advice and assistance of the council, shall maintain the structure, style, character, and landscaping of The Grove, its grounds, its private family cemetery, and all structures thereon consistent with the character, plan, and design of The Grove at the time the state takes physical possession of The Grove and its surrounding property from Mary Call Darby Collins. It shall preserve and protect the antique furnishings and other articles of furniture, fixtures, and decorative objects and articles used or displayed in the premises.

(b) The Division of Historical Resources shall catalog and maintain a descriptive, photographic inventory of the furnishings, fixtures, and decorative objects and articles used or displayed in the premises.

(c) The Division of Historical Resources may receive, on behalf of the state, contributions, bequests, and gifts of money, furniture, works of art, memorabilia, or other property consistent with the use of The Grove as described in this section. Title to all property which is received in this manner shall vest in the state and shall be held in trust by the Division of Historical Resources solely to further the purposes of this section. No furniture, furnishings, fixtures, or decorative objects acquired from the Collins family or any of its members shall be used for any purpose except as a permanent part of The Grove's furniture, furnishings, fixtures, or decorative objects, and any such item not so utilized shall forthwith revert to the Collins family member or members from whom it was acquired. No gifts, contributions, or bequests shall be accepted for The Grove without the advice and recommendation of the council.

(d) The Division of Historical Resources shall adopt rules governing the maintenance and use of The Grove, the selection, acquisition, and disposition of furnishings and decorations for the premises, and the acceptance of gifts, contributions, bequests, or loans of property.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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