



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2905

Introduced 1/26/2024, by Sen. Tom Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 130/8A-35
25 ILCS 130/8A-60 new

Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Provides for the acquisition and placement of statues depicting: (1) President Ronald W. Reagan; and (2) President Barack H. Obama. Provides that the Architect of the Capitol may provide for the design and fabrication of the statues, or may otherwise acquire, using funds collected for such purpose or through donation, a suitable statue for placement on the grounds of the State Capitol. Requires the Architect of the Capitol to take actions necessary to provide for the placement and unveiling of the statues within specified periods of time. Requires the Architect of the Capitol to issue a report to the Governor and General Assembly detailing actions taken to acquire and place the statues. Provides that the Capitol Restoration Trust Fund shall contain separate accounts for the deposit of funds donated for the payment of expenses associated with the placement of the statues. Provides that the separate accounts may accept deposits from any source, whether private or public, and may be appropriated only for use by the Architect of the Capitol for expenses associated with the acquisition, placement, and maintenance of the statues.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Legislative Commission Reorganization Act
5 of 1984 is amended by changing Section 8A-35 and by adding
6 Section 8A-60 as follows:

7 (25 ILCS 130/8A-35)

8 Sec. 8A-35. Capitol Restoration Trust Fund;
9 appropriations.

10 (a) The Capitol Restoration Trust Fund is created as a
11 special fund within the State treasury. The Fund may accept
12 deposits from any source, whether private or public, and may
13 be appropriated only for the use of the Architect of the
14 Capitol in the performance of his or her powers and duties. The
15 Architect of the Capitol may seek private and public funds for
16 deposit into the Capitol Restoration Trust Fund.

17 (a-5) The Capitol Restoration Trust Fund shall contain a
18 separate account for the deposit of funds donated for the
19 payment of expenses associated with the placement of a
20 Presidential Statue on the grounds of the State Capitol
21 Building depicting President Ronald W. Reagan, as provided
22 under Section 8A-60. The separate account may accept deposits
23 from any source, whether private or public, and may be

1 appropriated only for use by the Architect of the Capitol for
2 expenses associated with the acquisition, placement, and
3 maintenance of the presidential statue authorized under
4 subsection (a) of Section 8A-60. The Architect of the Capitol
5 may seek private and public funds for deposit into the
6 separate account of the Capitol Restoration Trust Fund
7 established under this subsection (a-5).

8 (a-10) The Capitol Restoration Trust Fund shall contain a
9 separate account for the deposit of funds donated for the
10 payment of expenses associated with the placement of a
11 Presidential Statue on the grounds of the State Capitol
12 Building depicting President Barack H. Obama, as provided
13 under Section 8A-60. The separate account may accept deposits
14 from any source, whether private or public, and may be
15 appropriated only for use by the Architect of the Capitol for
16 expenses associated with the acquisition, placement, and
17 maintenance of the presidential statue authorized under
18 subsection (b) of Section 8A-60. The Architect of the Capitol
19 may seek private and public funds for deposit into the
20 separate account of the Capitol Restoration Trust Fund
21 established under this subsection (a-10).

22 (b) The Architect of the Capitol shall submit all budget
23 requests to implement the master plan that relate to areas of
24 the legislative complex other than the State Capitol Building
25 to the Capitol Historic Preservation Board for review and
26 comment. The Architect of the Capitol shall submit all budget

1 requests to the Board of the Office of the Architect of the
2 Capitol for approval.

3 (Source: P.A. 93-632, eff. 2-1-04.)

4 (25 ILCS 130/8A-60 new)

5 Sec. 8A-60. State Capitol Presidential statues.

6 (a) The Architect of the Capitol, at the direction of the
7 Board of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, shall
8 provide for the acquisition and placement of a statue on the
9 grounds of the State Capitol Building depicting the 40th
10 President of the United States, Ronald W. Reagan. The
11 Architect of the Capitol may provide for the design and
12 fabrication of the statue, or may otherwise acquire, using
13 funds collected for such purpose or a statue donated to the
14 Office of the Architect of the Capitol, a suitable statue for
15 placement under this Section.

16 (b) The Architect of the Capitol, at the direction of the
17 Board of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, shall
18 provide for the acquisition and placement of a statue on the
19 grounds of the State Capitol Building depicting the 44th
20 President of the United States, Barack H. Obama. The Architect
21 of the Capitol may provide for the design and fabrication of
22 the statue, or may otherwise acquire, using funds collected
23 for such purpose or a statue donated to the Office of the
24 Architect of the Capitol, a suitable statue for placement
25 under this Section.

1 (c) The Architect of the Capitol, at the direction of the
2 Board of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, shall take
3 actions necessary to provide for the placement and unveiling
4 of the statues authorized under this Section within a
5 reasonable period of time after the effective date of this
6 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly. Prior to the
7 placement of the statues on the grounds of the Capitol, the
8 Architect of the Capitol shall issue a report detailing the
9 Architect's actions in acquiring and placing the statues
10 specified under this subsection (c). The report shall be
11 delivered to the Governor and the General Assembly.