

June 23, 2004

Ms. Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Hood:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Senate Bill 976, enacted during the 36th Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2004, and entitled:

An act relating to trust funds . . .

The Cultural Institutions Trust Fund is scheduled to terminate on November 4, 2004. This bill recreates this fund without modification. For the past year, this trust fund has had neither a revenue source nor appropriations; and as there is no anticipated revenue or appropriation for fiscal year 2004-05, the fund is not necessary for operations. For fiscal year 2004-05, there has been appropriated \$6.1 million in general revenue funding for the arts. While I fully support the arts, the recreation of this trust fund serves no purpose.

For this reason, I am withholding my approval of Senate Bill 976, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush