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I sent this to Swati a couple minutes ago and she OK'd it, so here's the Arts/Museum merger bill. Here are some bulletpoints on how it works:

- The Arts Commission currently has 9 and the Museum Commission 10 members. The new "Arts and Museum Commission" would have a total of 10 members. It is constructed so that the Museum Commission is essentially the surviving entity, with Arts folded into it.
- Arts Commission members are all at-large and are Senate confirmed. Museum Commission members go by congressional district, then there are three at-large of which one is the Governor-selected Chairman. They're not Senate-confirmed. All 10 members of the new entity would be Senate-confirmed.
- Arts Commission members serve 3-year terms, while Museum Commission members serve 4-year terms. The new entity would be 4 years.
- Of the 19 current seats, 2 are vacant, 3 have appointments expiring after 6/30/13, and almost all other members are serving in expired terms, which makes it easier to drop from a total of 19 seats to only 10. We're not really kicking folks off who think they have years left.
- Notwithstanding the fact that the new Arts and Museum Commission is to have 10 members, anyone who's on either the Arts or Museum Commission as of 6/30/13 (including those in expired terms) would continue to serve until 6/30/14, at which point all their terms would expire. The Governor would then appoint the 10 new members of the Arts and Museum Commission for terms beginning 7/1/14, in two classes:
 - 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and a non-Chair at-large seat, for shortened initial two-year terms, expiring 6/30/16.
 - 2nd, 4th, 6th, at-large, and at-large Chair for full four-year terms, expiring 6/30/18.
 - After this, half the commissioners would have their terms expire in each even-numbered year. I don't know the current members, but there's nothing in here that would prohibit any of them from being reappointed if we/they want that.

If you have questions, let me know. Thanks.

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