

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 739

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/GROUNDS: Provides for placement of a memorial of Oscar James
Dunn in the state capitol

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:149.65, relative to public buildings and grounds; to provide for an
3 appropriate memorial for Oscar James Dunn within Memorial Hall; to provide for
4 funds for the establishment and maintenance of the memorial; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:149.65 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §149.65 Oscar James Dunn Memorial

9 A. There shall be placed within Memorial Hall, a bust or other appropriate
10 memorial of the first African-American lieutenant governor, Oscar James Dunn, who
11 served Louisiana from 1865 until 1871, subject to the available funds for its
12 planning, construction, and maintenance.

13 B.(1) The chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, the speaker of the
14 House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate, in consultation with the
15 members of the family of Oscar James Dunn, shall determine the design and related
16 content of the memorial of Oscar James Dunn. The speaker of the House of
17 Representatives and the president of the Senate shall determine the placement of the
18 memorial within Memorial Hall.

19 (2) There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Oscar
20 Dunn Memorial Fund, referred to in this Section as the "fund". Monies in the fund

1 shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest
2 earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited in and credited to
3 the fund. Monies in the fund shall be administered by the presiding officers of the
4 legislature and used solely to provide funding for the Oscar Dunn Memorial pursuant
5 to this Section. The funds shall be used for funding the design, content, construction,
6 and maintenance of the Oscar James Dunn memorial in Memorial Hall.

7 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer
8 is hereby authorized and directed to transfer seventy-five thousand dollars from the state
9 general fund into the Oscar Dunn Memorial Fund.

10 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 739 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the placement of a bust or other appropriate memorial to Oscar James Dunn within Memorial Hall in the state capitol.

Proposed law provides for the placement in Memorial Hall of the La. State Capitol of a bust or other appropriate memorial to Oscar James Dunn.

Proposed law establishes the Oscar Dunn Memorial Fund as a special fund in the state treasury to be administered by the presiding officers of the legislature. Requires the treasurer to transfer \$75,000 from the state general fund into the Oscar Dunn Memorial Fund.

Proposed law requires the chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate, in consultation with the members of the family of Oscar James Dunn, to determine the design and related content of the memorial provided for in proposed law. Requires the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate to determine placement of the memorial within Memorial Hall.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 49:149.65)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove requirement that a statute of Oscar James Dunn be placed in Memorial Hall. Instead require a bust or other appropriate memorial of Oscar James Dunn be placed in Memorial hall.
2. Remove provision providing that the Lt. Gov. administers monies in the Oscar Dunn Memorial Fund. Instead provides that the presiding officers of the legislature administer monies in the fund.
3. Remove provisions establishing the Oscar James Dunn Memorial Commission and setting forth its powers, duties, and functions.
4. Require the chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate, in consultation with the members of the family of Oscar James Dunn, to determine the design and related content of the memorial provided for in proposed law. Further require the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate to determine placement of the memorial within Memorial Hall.
5. Require the state treasurer to transfer \$75,000 from the state general fund into the Oscar Dunn Memorial Fund.
6. Change effective date to signature of governor.