

Existing law creates the La. Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to Latin Americans. New law changes the name of the council to the Latino Commission.

Existing law provides for the composition of the council, which includes two members appointed by the president of the Senate, two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by each of the following: the governor, the La. Municipal Association, and the Police Jury Association of La. Provides for numerous private groups and entities to designate members. Prior law provided for Puentes New Orleans to appoint three members. New law provides that Puentes New Orleans appoints one member. Prior law provided for the appointment of one member by the Latino Forum. New law removes this group as an appointing authority and provides for an appointment by the Latin American Medical Association. Existing law with respect to membership is otherwise retained.

Existing law requires that the council identify obstacles to the effective delivery of governmental services by all service providers at all levels of government to Latino Americans and propose methods for removing those obstacles from such delivery of services and submit its proposals to the appropriate governmental entity or entities. New law additionally authorizes the commission to support the state's celebration of its bicentennial of statehood by holding or participating in programs and events through which it can increase public awareness of the significance of Latino American heritage, culture, and contributions throughout the state's history.

Existing law provides for annual election of a chairman and a vice chairman. New law authorizes the election of additional officers. Authorizes the commission to appoint subcommittees in accordance with its bylaws.

Prior law required the council to meet at least quarterly. New law requires regular meetings quarterly and authorizes special meetings. Existing law, which is applicable to new law, provides that meetings are held upon the call of the chairman or any three members.

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(Amends R.S. 36:4(AA) and 917 and R.S. 49:1222 and 1223)