

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, like entities and related funds; abolishes the powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities of such entities; and removes references and related provisions all as follows:

Advisory Commission for La.'s Energy, Environment, and Restoration

Prior law provided for the Advisory Commission for La.'s Energy, Environment, and Restoration within the Dept. of Conservation and Energy which supported programs designed to demonstrate to the general public the importance of the La. oil and natural gas exploration, production, and service industry; encouraged the wise and efficient use of energy; promoted environmentally sound production methods and technologies; developed existing supplies of La.'s oil and natural gas resources; supported research and educational activities concerning the oil and gas exploration and production industry; and caused remediation of historical oilfield environmental problems. Provided for the membership of the commission and required the commission to develop an operational plan and legislative recommendations for the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature necessary to implement the operational plan by July 1, 2021.

New law repeals prior law.

Advisory Subcommittee of the Accountability Commission

Prior law required the Accountability Commission established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to convene an advisory subcommittee of the commission which reported on and made recommendations regarding the overall effectiveness of the evaluation program, including but not limited to any recommendations for changes to board policy or state law with respect to the following: the value-added assessment model as determined by the board, measures of student growth for grades and subjects for which value-added data are not available and for personnel for whom value-added data are not available as established by the board, and elements of evaluation and standards for effectiveness as defined by the board. Provided for membership of the subcommittee and required a report of recommendations to be submitted prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature.

New law repeals prior law.

La. Byways Commission

Prior law created the La. Byways Commission within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to provide for the preservation, enhancement, and promotion of special roads within the La. Byways Program that offer historical, cultural, scenic, natural, archeological, recreation, and economic resources for the state. Provided for the commission to be comprised of nine members. Granted the commission the power to make recommendations for additions or deletions of highways or segmentation of highways in the La. Byways Program, make recommendations regarding priorities for byways grants, develop promotional materials and campaigns of all types in support of the La. Byways Program, and adopt and promulgate rules. Prior law required that any byway suggested to be included in the Louisiana Byways Program be approved by the La. Byways Commission.

New law repeals prior law.

La. Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation

Prior law authorized the formation and incorporation of the La. Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation as a nonprofit corporation, the purpose of which was the financing of the design, acquisition, purchase, construction, renovation, improvement, equipping or expansion of centers of excellence to be leased to the La. Community and Technical Colleges System and used as centers of excellence. Provided that the corporation was governed by a board of seven directors. Provided for various powers and duties of the corporation, including the power to issue bonds, and provided relative thereto.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that upon dissolution of the corporation, title to all property owned by the corporation was to vest in the successor corporation created by the legislature, if any, if such successor corporation qualified under §103 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to issue obligations the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation. If no such successor corporation was so created, title to such property was to vest in the state.

New law repeals prior law.

Centers of Excellence Program

Prior law provided that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, with the approval of and in coordination with the Board of Regents, may establish a Centers of Excellence Program to provide customized educational and training programs to meet areas of need as identified by La. business and industry. Provided that the board may establish an advisory board composed of not more than seven members to assist in the identification of the needs of business and industry, provide consultation regarding admissions, curriculum, equipment needs, tuition and fee models, and other aspects of the operation of a Center of Excellence.

Prior law provided that the Center of Excellence may be established only with private sector support, including funding or the donation of land or equipment, and was to be operated on a business model conducive to real-time market responsiveness which provided for flexibility in pricing, service delivery, and administration.

New law repeals prior law.

Clerks of Court Certification Program Committee

Prior law created the clerks of court certification program committee to govern the La. Clerks of Court Certification Program. Provided for the committee to be composed of five members.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that if, on July 1, 1990, a clerk completed certain educational and experience requirements and the documents showing the successful completion of the program have been submitted to and approved by the certification committee and said approval documented to the legislative auditor, the clerk was to be granted a 7% increase in compensation to his annual salary.

New law repeals the requirement that approval be given by the certification committee.

Prior law required that documents showing the successful completion of the certification program be submitted to and approved by the certification committee.

New law repeals prior law.

Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation

Prior law created the Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation as a special purpose, public corporate entity, an instrumentality independent of the state that is a public corporate body, intended, and has a legal existence, separate and distinct from the state.

Prior law provided for membership of the corporation board and provided that the corporation's purposes was to carry out the financing, purchasing, owning, and managing of the Offshore Royalty Revenues and the Offshore Royalty Revenue Assets, Deepwater Horizon natural resource damages revenues and assets, and RESTORE revenues and the RESTORE assets, the corporation being vested with all the powers of a private corporation to effectuate the purposes of the corporation, to issue bonds as authorized by prior law, and refund any of such bonds.

Prior law provided that the corporation was to have perpetual existence; provided, however, the board was to dissolve and terminate the existence of the corporation no later than two years after the date of final payment of all outstanding bonds and the payments or satisfaction of all other outstanding obligations and liabilities of the corporation, except to the extent necessary to remain in existence, and only for such additional time, as was necessary to fulfill any outstanding covenants or agreements with holders or other parties. Provided that upon dissolution of the corporation, title to all assets and properties of the corporation was to vest in and become the property of the state and was deposited in and credited to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, and the corporation was to execute all necessary conveyances, assignments or other documents to establish and evidence such transfer and ownership, including all conveyances or assignments of all rights, title and interest to the offshore royalty revenues.

New law repeals prior law.

Encore Louisiana Commission

Prior law created the Encore Louisiana Commission as an agency of the state in the office of the lieutenant governor. Provided for membership and duties, including formulating a strategic plan for and taking other actions related to the attraction and retention of persons 50 years old and above. Authorized the commission to adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with existing law (Administrative Procedure Act).

New law repeals prior law.

Energy Code Commission

Prior law created the Energy Code Commission. Provided for membership and provided that the primary function of the commission was to provide amendments to the code in order to address energy efficiency requirements to reduce the long term energy cost burden for building occupants.

New law repeals prior law.

Equal Pay Commission

Prior law created the Equal Pay Commission and provided that the purpose of the commission was to serve as a collaborative working group to make a full and complete study of the extent of wage disparities, in both the public and private sector, between men and women, and between minorities and non-minorities; those factors which cause, or which tend to cause, such disparities, including segregation of women and men, and of minorities and non-minorities across and within occupations; payment of lower wages for occupations traditionally dominated by women and minorities; child-rearing responsibilities; and education and training; the consequences of such disparities on the economy and on affected families; and actions, including proposed legislation, that were likely to lead to the elimination and prevention of such disparities.

New law repeals prior law.

Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission

Prior law required the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, no later than March 1, 2022, and at least once every five years thereafter, to review and revise the statewide flood information database developed for the purpose of the systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state. Required the commission to review development proposals to ensure that no development in one parish or municipality had a negative or detrimental effect in any other parish or municipality. Required the commission to ensure that maintenance in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries, including the clearing and de-snagging of the Amite and Comite Rivers, performed according to any contractual obligations and state law. Provided for membership of the commission.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required that the final revision of the database be furnished to the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the beginning of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature and every fifth year thereafter. However, provided that the portion of the final revision that encompassed the Amite River Basin was to be furnished to the committee and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature. Prior to each legislative session beginning with the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, the evaluation committee was to submit a recommended list of projects, including supporting data, to the committee. The committee was required to conduct hearings to receive the revision of the flood information database and the recommendations from the evaluation committee.

New law repeals prior law.

La. Health Plan

Prior law provided for the creation of the La. Health Plan board of directors and for membership of the board, which was required to submit a written report of the operation of the plan to the commissioner of insurance and the house and senate committees on insurance by April 1st of each year.

New law repeals prior law.

Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission

Prior law authorized the La. Housing Corporation to establish the Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission as an advisory committee. The primary purpose of this commission was to advise the corporation in coordinating the integration of planning and spending by local governments, parish and municipal governing authorities, redevelopment authorities, and the Dept. of Transportation and Development on housing and transportation needs. The commission was required to recommend multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of housing developments to be planned so as to provide planned recreational growth, more fully integrated and livable communities, and effective spending of public funds for the betterment of life for La. citizens.

Prior law required the commission to create a statewide housing plan for state agencies and conduct a parish-by-parish assessment of housing. The assessment was to be conducted once every five years, and the statewide housing plan was to be updated based on the most recent assessment. The commission was required to advise and provide recommendations to the La. Housing Corporation board.

New law repeals prior law.

Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council

Prior law provided for the Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council to be established within the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to promote the many benefits of hunting and fishing among La. citizens and to educate the citizens of the state on those benefits. Provided for membership, and required the council to develop plans and strategies to promote public awareness that fees, taxes, and traditional expenditures of hunters and anglers provide financial support for the management of fish and wildlife resources, habitat conservation and management, and the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws, and contribute to the local and national economy.

New law repeals prior law.

Latino Commission

Prior law established the Latino Commission within the office of the governor, domiciled in New Orleans, and provided for the composition of the commission. Provided for the powers and duties of the commission, and provided that the commission was to identify obstacles to the effective delivery of governmental services by all service providers at all levels of government to Latino Americans, and the commission was to propose methods for removing those obstacles from such delivery of services and submit its proposals to the appropriate

governmental entity or entities.

New law repeals prior law.

Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning Implantation Committee

Prior law provided for the membership, duties, authority, and responsibilities of the committee which included the development of programs and policies to safely reduce the number of youth in the juvenile justice system, including expanded use of diversion where appropriate; development and use of civil citation programs; use of evidence-based and promising services wherever possible; and reinvestment programs targeting the expanded use of community-based alternatives to secure, nonsecure, and pre-disposition custody; the development of comprehensive projections to determine the long-term distribution of placement capacity for youth in the juvenile justice system; and an analysis of the impact of the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction to persons 17 years of age on state agencies and a determination of which state agencies were responsible for providing relevant services to juveniles, including but not limited to mental health and substance abuse services, housing, education, and employment.

New law repeals prior law.

La. Music Trail Commission

Prior law established the La. Music Trail Commission to commemorate and promote awareness and encourage enjoyment of the stories, biographies, and points of interest in blues, rock and roll, country, zydeco, cajun, jazz, rhythm and blues, hip-hop, swamp pop, gospel, and other music types throughout La. Authorized the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism to establish a process and criteria for adding routes to the music trail and provided that any political subdivision may request that a specified segment of a state or U.S. highway be included in the trail. Provided for the composition and duties of the commission.

New law repeals prior law.

Louisiana Quincentenary Commission

Prior law provided for membership of the commission, and provided that the purpose of the commission was to promote and coordinate activities to commemorate the quincentennial of the voyages of Christopher Columbus.

New law repeals prior law.

State Parks and Recreation Commission

Prior law created the State Parks and Recreation Commission with the purpose of promoting the goals and objectives of the office of state parks and acting in an advisory capacity to that office and its assistant secretary and the secretary of the department in matters relating to parks, recreation, facilities, programs, and the efficient administration thereof. Provided for the composition of the commission and provided for the term of each appointed member.

New law repeals prior law.

Process Technology Advisory Board

Prior law required the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to establish an advisory board, to be known as the Process Technology Advisory Board, to assist the board in developing and maintaining two-year associate degree programs in process technology. Provided for the composition of the advisory board. Provided that the advisory board was to provide statewide coordination of the La. process technology education program as a whole and was to address multi-regional issues and coordinate regional process technology efforts at the state level and further provided for the mission of the advisory board.

New law repeals prior law.

Rural Water Infrastructure Committee

Prior law provided for the composition of the committee. Provided for the duties and functions of the committee and required the committee to make recommendations.

New law repeals prior law.

La. Sentencing Commission

Prior law created the La. Sentencing Commission and provided that the commission was to conduct a continuous review of the state's sentencing structure based upon existing criminal law and law relative to criminal procedure. Authorized the commission to make recommendations on sentencing and post-conviction relief legislation. Required the commission to conduct a comprehensive review of La.'s current sentencing structure, sentencing practices, probation and parole supervision, and the use of alternatives to incarceration. Provided that the commission was under the jurisdiction of the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice in the office of the governor. Provided for the composition of the commission. Provided for staffing and administrative support for the commission.

New law repeals prior law.

State Buildings and Lands Highest and Best Use Advisory Group

Prior law that the group was composed of the director of the office of facility planning and control, the director of the office of state lands, the director of the office of risk management, and the director of the office of statewide reporting and accounting policy or their designees. Authorized the group to advise the commissioner of administration on all matters relating to state-owned property and development opportunities for the state to enter into public-private development partnerships with private, non-profit or public partners, chosen by competitive bid, in order to develop and manage state-owned real estate in a manner that achieves the highest and best use of the property. Required, by November first each year, each executive branch agency, including higher education agencies, in cooperation with the parish planning authority or parish governing authority of the parish in which the property is located, to report to the advisory group any land or buildings under the control of such agency that, in the estimation of the agency, was being underutilized or may represent an opportunity to be developed in accordance with the highest and best use of the property.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that the advisory group was to review and analyze the agency reports and was to, not later than January 15th each year, make recommendations to the commissioner of administration regarding which properties present the most promise for development, including public-private development of such properties. Required the commissioner to review the list of properties recommended by the advisory group and finalize the list by accepting the list or by removing properties from the list. At the regular March meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, required the commissioner of administration to present the final list of such properties with a plan for the development of the highest and best use of such properties.

New law repeals prior law.

Waste Tire Task Force

Prior law created a Waste Tire Program Task Force and provided that the task force was charged with the responsibilities to study, report, and make recommendations on the Dept. of Environmental Quality's waste tire program, including the laws, rules, and regulations governing the program and the fee structure and financial obligations of the program, and to annually submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. Provided for the composition of the task force.

New law repeals prior law.

(Amends R.S. 13:782(J)(2)(a) and (b), R.S. 15:574.21(D), R.S. 25:521(A), R.S. 30:521(A)(1), R.S. 41:1501, R.S. 49:214.5.4(G)(8) and 966(B)(3)(b), and R.S. 56:1948.4(B); Repeals §3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 R.S., §2 of Act No. 427 of the 2015 R.S., R.S. 13:782(J)(1), R.S. 15:321-324, 1441, and 1442, R.S. 17:1875, 3398.2(B)-(E), and 3883(A)(6), R.S. 22:1201-1220, R.S. 23:2021-2024, R.S. 25:1021-1027, R.S. 30:401-403, R.S. 36:4(B)(18) and (34) and (D)(1), 209(A)(2) and (10) and (D)(1), 508.4, 610(C)(2), and 651(K)(2), R.S. 38:90.2 and 90.5(A), R.S. 39:99.26-99.46, 332.1, and 1800.21-1800.35, R.S. 40:600.91(A)(28)(b), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5(C), R.S. 43:111(A)(9), R.S. 49:220.31-220.33, 966(B)(23), and 1221-1223, R.S. 51:1317-1319, and R.S. 56:699.21 and 699.22, 1948.4(A)(2), 1948.11-1948.13, 1950.21-1950.26, and 1681)