

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 803****2022 Regular Session****Gadberry**

BUILDING CODES: Provides relative to the State Building Energy Conservation Code

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Requires the Energy Code Commission created in proposed law to terminate upon its adoption of the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code.
2. Adds the chairman of La. Chemical Association or his designee and the president of La. REALTORS or his designee as voting members of the commission.
3. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council (R.S. 40:1730.22 et seq.) and the La. State Uniform Construction Code. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law places training and technical assistance in implementing residential and commercial building energy code provisions within the purview of the technology assessment division of the Dept. of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council. Further requires the technology assessment division to continue training and technical assistance as funding allows.

Proposed law creates the Energy Code Commission and requires composition of the following voting members:

- (1) The president of the La. Home Builders Association or his designee.
- (2) The president of the Building Officials Association of La. or his designee.
- (3) The president of AIA La. or his designee.
- (4) The president of the New Orleans ASHRAE Chapter or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Apartment Association of La., Inc. or his designee.
- (6) The president of the Greater NOLA Housing Alliance or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors of La. or his designee.
- (8) The general president of the Laborers' Intl. Union of North America or his designee.
- (9) The state president of the HVACR Association of La. or his designee.
- (10) The president of the La. Associated General Contractors or his designee.
- (11) The chairman of the La. Chemical Association or his designee.
- (12) The president of the La. REALTORS or his designee.
- (13) A designee of Southeast La. Coalition of the Air Conditioning Industry who is a La. RESNET HERS rater designated by the president of the Coalition.

In addition to the voting members of the commission, proposed law requires the commission to be composed of the following nonvoting members:

- (1) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Natural Resources or his designee.
- (2) The director of the office of facility planning and control department, division of administration, or his designee.
- (3) The chairman of the Technical Committee of the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council or his designee.

Proposed law requires the entities of the commission to submit to the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council the name of each entity's designee by Aug. 1, 2022.

Proposed law requires the commission to adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. Further requires the commission to terminate upon adoption of the Code.

Proposed law provides that the primary function of the commission is to adopt amendments to the La. State Uniform Construction Code to address energy efficiency requirements for reducing the long-term energy cost burden for building occupants in this state.

Proposed law requires the commission to provide amendments to the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council that have been approved by a majority vote of the total members present and voting.

Proposed law requires the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council to evaluate, adopt, and amend a list of the latest editions of certain international codes provided for in proposed law as part of the La. State Uniform Construction Code.

Present law requires provisions of the 2009, Part IV-Energy Conservation edition of the International Residential Code to be included for evaluation and adoption into the La. State Uniform Construction Code. Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law requires homes to be inspected in accordance with the codes in effect for the locality where the home will ultimately be sited. Proposed law specifies the homes as "factory-built" homes and otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1730.41 et seq.) provides for the "Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code" or the "Energy Code". Proposed law changes the name to the "State Building Energy Conservation Code".

Present law defines "alteration", "ANSI-ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1", "commercial buildings", "EPAAct", and "repair". Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law outlines the Code's purpose of instituting minimum energy conservation standards for new constructions and all applicable alterations and repairs of commercial buildings within the state. Proposed law changes "commercial" buildings to "state-owned and state-funded" buildings and otherwise retains present law.

Present law exempts certain buildings from application. Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law applies to certain historic buildings. Proposed law specifies historic buildings as "state-owned" historic buildings and otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires commercial buildings constructed in La. to comply with the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code.

Proposed law deletes present law and instead provides that new state buildings constructed in La. must comply with the State Building Energy Conservation Code.

Present law (R.S. 40:1730.46-1730.48) authorizes the office of the state fire marshal, in consultation with the division of administration and the Dept. of Natural Resources, to promulgate amendments and revisions for the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code. Authorizes the office of state fire marshal to collect fees from owners of certain projects and provides for certain training and technical assistance with respect to the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e) and (f) and (7), the heading of Part IV-C of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, 1730.41-1730.45, and 1730.49(D) and (E)(1)(intro. para.) and (a) and (2); Adds R.S. 40:1730.22(F), 1730.28(A)(8), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5; Repeals R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(g) and 1730.46-1730.48)