

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR REESE

SECRETARY OF STATE. Requests the secretary of state to study the feasibility of creating and maintaining a central electronic repository on the secretary of state's website for permitting and licensing information, which is required to be published by certain state entities pursuant to R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the secretary of state to study the feasibility of creating and maintaining
3 a central electronic repository on the secretary of state's website for permitting and
4 licensing information, which is required to be published by state entities pursuant to
5 R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308.

6 WHEREAS, the path to starting a business involves extensive planning and
7 completion of certain requirements prior to legally operating; and

8 WHEREAS, navigating the various requirements, including obtaining necessary
9 permits and licenses, to operate businesses can be an intimidating, overwhelming, and a
10 costly process for entrepreneurs; and

11 WHEREAS, entrepreneurs, especially those in rural areas, minorities, females, and
12 veterans with less resources face a disproportionate burden identifying and applying for the
13 permits and licenses required to legitimately operate their businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, since most entrepreneurs register their businesses with the secretary of
15 state's office, publishing the permitting and licensing requirements of state entities, including
16 boards and commissions, on the secretary of state's website in an easily accessible format
17 will assist entrepreneurs navigating Louisiana's regulatory requirements; and

18 WHEREAS, having a centralized portal or electronic repository tying together

1 permitting and licensing information from state entities that entrepreneurs can access while
2 registering their business will streamline the business development process, lessen the
3 burden identifying and applying for permits and licenses, and help improve business
4 outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana realizes the need to
6 streamline business processes to create a vibrant small business sector and believes this
7 study is in furtherance of the legislative findings promulgated in the Louisiana Small
8 Business Protection Act, pursuant to R.S. 49:974.1 et seq.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
10 does hereby urge and request the secretary of state to study the feasibility of creating and
11 maintaining a central electronic repository of statewide permitting and licensing information,
12 which is required to be published by state entities pursuant to R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each state entity that issues licenses and permits
14 provide the secretary of state with the link to its website, information pertaining to each
15 entity within the state entity's hierarchy that oversees each permit and license, and other
16 information necessary to study the feasibility of creating and maintaining a centralized portal
17 or electronic repository.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

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