

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 422

BY SENATOR FESI

MUSEUMS. Transfers certain museums to the La. State Museum within the office of the state museum of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. (7/1/26)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:341(A), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 342(A)(1) and (5) and (B)(1) and (3), 343(A), 371(2), 372(A), 373(A), (B)(1) and (2) and (C), 374(A)(1) and (B), 375(B), (C), (D), and (E), 376(B), 377(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C)(2) and (2)(c), 378, 379(A), 379.1(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (D), 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1(A) and (C)(2)(a),(b), and (c), and (D), 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22(A), (C)(2)(a) and (b), and (D), 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27, 380.51(A), 380.52(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (E), 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92(A), (C), and (E), 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A), 380.152(A), (C), and (E), 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A), (C)(1) and (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244, 1245, and 1246, and R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3), to enact R.S. 25:342(B)(4), 347, 348, and 348.1 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (19), and to repeal R.S. 25:371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), (F)(1)(a) and (c) through (g), relative to state museums; to transfer certain museums and their related boards and commissions to the Louisiana State Museum within the office of the state museum of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism from the Department

1 of State; to provide for an oversight board and regional management boards and to
 2 provide for their powers, duties, and functions; to provide for powers and duties of
 3 the lieutenant governor; to provide for membership of boards and commissions; to
 4 provide for appointments; to provide for confirmations; to provide for terms; to
 5 provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for rules and procedures; to provide
 6 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 25:341(A), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 342(A)(1) and (5), and (B)(1)
 9 and (3), 343(A), 371(2), 372(A), 373(A), (B)(1) and (2) and (C), 374(A)(1) and (B), 375(B),
 10 (C), (D), and (E), 376(B), 377(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C)(2) and (2)(c), 378,
 11 379(A), 379.1(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (D), 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7,
 12 380(A), 380.1(A) and (C)(2)(a), (b), and (c), and (D), 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6,
 13 380.21(A), 380.22(A), (C)(2)(a) and (b), and (D), 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27,
 14 380.51(A), 380.52(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (E), 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57,
 15 380.91(A), 380.92(A), (C), and (E), 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A),
 16 380.152(A), (C), and (E), 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A), (C)(1)
 17 and (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244, 1245, and 1246 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
 18 25:342(B)(4), 347, 348, and 348.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §341. Establishment and location; purpose; ~~board of directors~~ **oversight board**;
 20 appointment; compensation of members; terms; oaths

21 A. The Louisiana State Museum is established as a complex of facilities ~~in~~
 22 ~~the cities of Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Patterson, Thibodaux, and~~
 23 ~~Winnfield~~ under the management and supervision of the office of the state museum
 24 of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

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26 C. The ~~Board of Directors~~ **Oversight Board** of the Louisiana State Museum,
 27 hereinafter referred to as the board, is hereby created in the Department of Culture,
 28 Recreation and Tourism **and shall have oversight over the Louisiana State**
 29 **Museum, as provided in this Title**

1 D. The board of directors **Oversight Board** of the Louisiana State Museum
2 shall be composed of ~~members as provided in this Subsection. The~~ **the following:**
3 **the governor, or his designee, the lieutenant governor, or his designee, the**
4 **secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his**
5 **designee, the secretary of state, or his designee, the president of the Senate, or**
6 **his designee, the speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee, an**
7 **appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names**
8 **submitted by the Region 1 Board, an appointee of the lieutenant governor**
9 **selected from a list of three names submitted by the Region 2 Board, and an**
10 **appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names**
11 **submitted by the Region 3 Board.** shall serve as a member of the board. Each
12 additional member of the board shall have a knowledge of and interest in art, history,
13 and cultural restoration. Further, each member nominee shall have experience in at
14 least one of the following subject areas: marketing, law, historic preservation,
15 museum sciences, finance, accounting, business administration, fundraising for
16 nonprofits, facility management, community or consumer advocacy, or other
17 pertinent disciplines. Additional members of the board shall be appointed by the
18 lieutenant governor as follows:

19 (1) Each of the following shall submit a list of four names, and the lieutenant
20 governor shall appoint members in a manner described in this Paragraph:

21 (a) Two members nominated by the Friends of the Cabildo.
22 (b) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Society.
23 (c) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Association.
24 (d) One member nominated by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana.
25 (e) One member nominated by the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the
26 Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in Patterson.
27 (f) Two members nominated by the Louisiana Museum Foundation.
28 (g) One member nominated by the Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic
29 Site.

1 ~~(h) One member nominated by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.~~

2 ~~(i) One member nominated by the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board.~~

3 ~~(j) Two members nominated by the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.~~

4 ~~(2) Seven members shall be appointed from the state at large in such manner as to~~
5 ~~provide that membership on the board will reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity~~
6 ~~of the population of the state and encourage statewide representation on the board.~~

7 ~~(3)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, should any~~
8 ~~entity fail to make all or any of the nominations initially required in Paragraph (1)~~
9 ~~of this Subsection by August 1, 2008, or within thirty days of the swearing in of a~~
10 ~~new lieutenant governor thereafter, the lieutenant governor may make an~~
11 ~~appointment for that nominating entity's seat on the board from the state at large.~~

12 ~~(b) A nominee whose name is submitted by more than one entity concurrently shall~~
13 ~~automatically be disqualified from consideration so long as the nominee remains on~~
14 ~~multiple lists. The lieutenant governor shall notify the offending nominating entities~~
15 ~~of the duplicate nominees in writing and each such nominating entity shall have~~
16 ~~fifteen days from receipt of such notice to resubmit a list of names for consideration.~~
17 ~~Should an entity fail to submit an un-duplicated list of four names timely, the~~
18 ~~lieutenant governor may make the appointment for that nominating entity's seat on~~
19 ~~the board from the state at large.~~

20 E.(1) ~~Each appointment by the lieutenant governor and each designee~~
21 **oversight board member representing a regional board** shall be submitted to the
22 Senate for confirmation **and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing**
23 **authority.**

24 ~~(2)(a) For members appointed pursuant to Subsection D of this Section, the~~
25 ~~term of office shall be four years after initial terms as provided in Subparagraph (b)~~
26 ~~of this Paragraph. A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.~~

27 ~~(b) Five members shall serve an initial term of one year; five members shall~~
28 ~~serve an initial term of two years; five members shall serve an initial term of three~~
29 ~~years; five members shall serve an initial term of four years, as determined by lot at~~

1 ~~the first meeting of the board.~~

2 F.(1)(a) When a vacancy on the board **oversight board** occurs among the
3 **board members representing a regional board** members appointed pursuant to the
4 provisions of Paragraph (D)(1) of this Section, the entity that nominated the member
5 shall submit to the lieutenant governor a list of four nominees to fill the vacancy. The
6 lieutenant governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from among the nominees
7 and the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term **the vacancy shall be**
8 **filled in the manner of original appointment.**

9 ~~(b) In the event there is more than one position vacant on the board~~
10 ~~concurrently, a nominee whose name is submitted by more than one entity shall~~
11 ~~automatically be disqualified from consideration so long as the nominee remains on~~
12 ~~multiple lists. The lieutenant governor shall notify the offending nominating entities~~
13 ~~of the duplicate nominees in writing and each such nominating entity shall have~~
14 ~~fifteen days from receipt of such notice to resubmit a list of names for consideration.~~
15 ~~Should an entity fail to submit an un-duplicated list of four names timely, the~~
16 ~~lieutenant governor may make the appointment for that nominating entity's seat on~~
17 ~~the board from the state at large.~~

18 ~~(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,~~
19 ~~should any entity fail to make any or all nominations required by Paragraph (1) of~~
20 ~~this Subsection within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, the lieutenant governor~~
21 ~~may make an appointment for that nominating entity's seat on the board from the~~
22 ~~state at large.~~

23 ~~(3) When a vacancy occurs among the at-large members appointed pursuant~~
24 ~~to the provisions of Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section, then the lieutenant governor~~
25 ~~shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy within thirty days of the vacancy. The~~
26 ~~member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

27 G. The members of the board shall serve without compensation, ~~but they~~
28 shall receive their actual expenses incurred in attending any meeting of the board.

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1 §342. Domicile; powers and duties of the office of the state museum and the ~~board~~
2 oversight board; buildings and properties administered

3 A.(1) The ~~board of directors~~ oversight board shall meet ~~once each quarter~~
4 twice annually, unless additional meetings are called by ~~the lieutenant governor, the~~
5 ~~secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism,~~ the chairman of the
6 board, or a quorum of the board.

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8 (5) The board shall ~~assist the secretary and assistant secretary in establishing~~
9 ~~fiscal policies, including but not limited to operational budgets and financial controls~~
10 ~~over existing and new projects~~ provide advice and counsel on all matters related
11 to the policies, programming, operations, and funding of the Louisiana State
12 Museum.

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14 B.(1) The domicile of the board shall be the city of ~~New Orleans~~ Baton
15 Rouge, provided that the office of the state museum may establish additional offices
16 within such museum facilities as it may deem advisable, after consultation with the
17 board.

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19 (3) The office of the state museum, ~~subject to the provisions of R.S. 36:909,~~
20 shall have custody of and shall administer, manage, operate, maintain, and preserve
21 all of the following:

22 (a) The buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State Museum
23 complex located in the city of New Orleans, including but not limited to the Cabildo,
24 the Presbytere, the Lower Pontalba Building, the Jackson House, the Creole House,
25 the Arsenal, Madame John's Legacy, the 1850 House, the Louisiana Civil Rights
26 Museum, and the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old United States Mint in
27 New Orleans.

28 (b) The Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum
29 in Patterson.

- 1 (c) The Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.
- 2 (d) ~~The Louisiana Forestry Museum~~ **The Museum Storage and Curation**
- 3 **Facility.**
- 4 (e) The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame **and Northwest Louisiana History**
- 5 **Museum.**
- 6 (f) ~~The Winn Parish Museum.~~
- 7 (g) ~~(f)~~ **The Edward Douglass White Historic Site.**
- 8 (h) ~~(g)~~ **The Natchitoches Parish Old Courthouse Museum Capitol Park**
- 9 **Museum.**
- 10 **(h) The Old State Capitol.**
- 11 **(i) The Old Governor's Mansion, subject to the provisions of R.S. 49:141.**
- 12 **(j) The Louisiana Delta Music Museum.**
- 13 **(k) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum.**
- 14 **(l) The Louisiana State Cotton Museum.**
- 15 **(m) The Germantown Colony Museum.**
- 16 **(n) The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.**
- 17 **(o) The Mansfield Female College Museum.**
- 18 **(p) The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.**
- 19 (q) ~~(r)~~ **Other museums, buildings, historic sties, and facilities** hereafter
- 20 established under jurisdiction of the office.

21 **(4) The office of the state museum shall have the authority to organize**

22 **the properties and functions of the Louisiana State Museum into regional**

23 **groups for purposes of management and administration.**

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25 §343. Museum director; appointment; powers and duties

26 A. The museum director shall be appointed by the ~~lieutenant governor~~

27 **oversight board** ~~from a list of three candidates nominated by a search committee~~

28 ~~appointed by the board. The lieutenant governor shall make the appointment no later~~

29 ~~than sixty days after receiving the list of candidates from the search committee. The~~

1 **oversight** board shall establish criteria for the position of director that include but
 2 are not limited to possession of a master's degree in Museum Science, or a related
 3 field, and shall provide clear evidence of successful performance as a skilled
 4 professional.

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6 **§347. Region 1 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;**
 7 **appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties**
 8 **and responsibilities**

9 **A. (1) The board shall consist of nine members appointed by the**
 10 **lieutenant governor as follows:**

11 **(a) Three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted**
 12 **by the Friends of the Cabildo.**

13 **(b) Three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted**
 14 **by the Louisiana Museum Foundation.**

15 **(c) One member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by**
 16 **the Historic New Orleans Collection.**

17 **(d) Two members shall be appointed at large.**

18 **(e) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three**
 19 **names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.**

20 **(2) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original**
 21 **appointment by the lieutenant governor.**

22 **(3) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor**
 23 **without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.**

24 **B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-**
 25 **day operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive**
 26 **director shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications of the**
 27 **executive director shall be established by the board.**

28 **C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman**
 29 **or a quorum of the board.**

1 **D. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction**
2 **of official business. All official actions of the board shall require the affirmative**
3 **vote of a majority of the members present and voting.**

4 **§348. Region 2 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;**
5 **appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties**
6 **and responsibilities**

7 **A. (1) The Region 2 Board of the Louisiana State Museum shall consist**
8 **of nine members appointed as follows:**

9 **(a) One member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by**
10 **the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation**
11 **and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in Patterson.**

12 **(b) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a**
13 **list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana State Museum Friends, Inc..**

14 **(c) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list**
15 **of nominees submitted by Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site.**

16 **(d) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a**
17 **list of nominees submitted by the Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol.**

18 **(e) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list**
19 **of nominees submitted by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.**

20 **(f) Two at-large members shall be appointed by the secretary of state.**

21 **(g) Two at-large members shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor.**

22 **(2) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three**
23 **names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.**

24 **(3) Each member appointed at-large shall have knowledge of and an**
25 **interest in art, history, cultural restoration, marketing, law, historic**
26 **preservation, museum sciences, finance, accounting, business administration,**
27 **fundraising for nonprofits, facility management, community or consumer**
28 **advocacy, or another relevant discipline.**

29 **(4) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original**

1 appointment by the lieutenant governor.

2 (5) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor
3 without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

4 B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-
5 day operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive
6 director shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications of the
7 executive director shall be established by the board.

8 C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman
9 or a quorum of the board.

10 D. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
11 of official business. All official actions of the board shall require the affirmative
12 vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

13 **§348.1. Region 3 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;**
14 **appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties**
15 **and responsibilities**

16 **A. (1) The Region 3 Board of the Louisiana State Museum shall consist**
17 **of nine members appointed as follows:**

18 **(a) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list**
19 **of nominees submitted by the Regional Governing Board of the Louisiana State**
20 **Exhibit Museum.**

21 **(b) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a**
22 **list of nominees submitted by governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music**
23 **Museum.**

24 **(c) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list**
25 **of nominees submitted by the Mansfield Female College Museum.**

26 **(d) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a**
27 **list of nominees submitted by the governing board of the Germantown Colony**
28 **Museum.**

29 **(e) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list**

1 of nominees submitted by the governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton
2 Museum.

3 (f) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list
4 of nominees submitted by the governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and
5 Gas Museum.

6 (g) Two members shall be appointed at-large by the lieutenant governor.

7 (h) One member shall be appointed at-large by the secretary of state.

8 (2) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three
9 names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.

10 (3) Each member appointed at-large shall have a knowledge of and
11 interest in art, history, cultural restoration, marketing, law, historic
12 preservation, museum sciences, finance, accounting, business administration,
13 fundraising for nonprofits, facility management, community or consumer
14 advocacy, or another relevant discipline.

15 (4) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original
16 appointment by the lieutenant governor.

17 (5) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor
18 without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

19 B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-
20 day operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive
21 director shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications and salary
22 of the executive director shall be established by the board.

23 C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman
24 or a quorum of the board.

25 D. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
26 of official business. All official actions of the board shall require the affirmative
27 vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

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29 §371. Definitions

1 For purposes of this Chapter the following terms shall have the meaning
2 indicated unless the context clearly provides otherwise:

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4 (2) "Department" shall mean the Department of State **Culture, Recreation,**
5 **and Tourism.**

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7 §372. Establishment and location; purpose and use

8 A. The Old State Capitol is established as a facility in the city of Baton
9 Rouge under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of State **Culture, Recreation**
10 **and Tourism,** as more specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and in R.S. 36:919.~~

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12 §373. Advisory board; appointment; compensation of members; terms

13 A. The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol is hereby created in the
14 Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism.**

15 B. The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol shall be composed of the
16 following members, all of whom shall have a knowledge of and interest in art,
17 history, including political history, and cultural restoration:

18 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
19 **governor.**

20 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
21 a member.

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23 C. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
24 a term concurrent with that of the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor.** Each
25 member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

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27 §374. Domicile; powers and duties of the board

28 A.(1) The board shall meet at least three times a year, unless additional
29 meetings are called by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor.**

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B. The board shall advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating to the operations of the Old State Capitol and shall have such other functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter ~~and R.S. 36:919.~~

§375. Old State Capitol, administration; ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**, powers and functions

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B. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall establish policies, rules, and regulations for the Old State Capitol in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

C. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall have custody of and shall administer, manage, operate, maintain, and preserve the building, collections, and exhibitions of the Old State Capitol located in the city of Baton Rouge.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and in particular the provisions of R.S. 41:1212, the ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** may enter into contracts and agreements with any public agency or nonprofit corporation which has been established for the primary purpose of supporting the programs and activities of the Old State Capitol, including the Old State Capitol Associates, for the establishment of offices, stores, or exhibits on the property of and in the Old State Capitol. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** may also enter into contracts and agreements for joint construction, equipment, maintenance, and financing thereof, and may enter into contracts and agreements for the joint financing, supervision, and conduct of cooperative enterprises and undertakings. Any public agency may enter into contracts and agreements with the secretary for the purposes mentioned in this Subsection.

E. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall perform and exercise all powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Old State Capitol Memorial Commission, which commission was abolished and its functions transferred to the

1 secretary of the Department of State by the Executive Reorganization Act.

2 §376. Operating funds

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4 B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Old State Capitol
5 are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public, or private
6 sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of **State Culture,**
7 **Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the Old State Capitol
8 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Old
9 State Capitol are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of **State Culture,**
10 **Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the Old State Capitol during any period of
11 temporary closure.

12 (2) The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may accept
13 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
14 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the Old State
15 Capitol.

16 §377. Donations and loans; disposition of abandoned loans

17 A. The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** and the board, jointly or
18 separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations, and
19 contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property on
20 behalf of and as additions to the Old State Capitol either in the form of loans or in
21 the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the secretary may acquire them
22 by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations
23 contained in the instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the
24 ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall be empowered and authorized to enter into any
25 and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that he may deem fit, proper, and
26 necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art,
27 or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Old State Capitol. The Old
28 State Capitol is specifically empowered to serve as the beneficiary of any public trust
29 heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S.

1 9:2341 through 9:2347.

2 B. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** is granted the authority of deaccession
3 with respect to any collections of the Old State Capitol and for such purpose is
4 specifically exempted from the laws of the state relative to the sale or disposal of
5 surplus property. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall establish policies and
6 procedures necessary to carry out this authority in an orderly manner.

7 C. (1) * * *

8 (2) At least once a week for two consecutive weeks, the ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant**
9 **governor** shall publish in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the parish
10 a notice and listing of the property. The notice shall contain:

11 * * *

12 (c) A statement that if proof of claim is not presented by the owner to the
13 ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** and if the owner's right to receive such property is not
14 established to the satisfaction of the secretary within sixty-five days from the date
15 of the second published notice, the property will be deemed to be abandoned and
16 shall become the property of the Old State Capitol.

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18 §378. Use of collections

19 The collections of the Old State Capitol may be lent in part subject to
20 approval by the secretary. The ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor** shall insure proper
21 safeguards for their maintenance and return and shall insure that proper records are
22 kept. The collections shall be available for the use of educational projects, subject
23 to the approval of the ~~secretary~~ **lieutenant governor**.

24 §379. Establishment and location; purpose and use

25 A. The facility known prior to June 6, 1991, as the Louisiana State Museum-
26 Shreveport is hereby renamed the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. The Louisiana
27 State Exhibit Museum is established as a facility in the city of Shreveport under the
28 overall jurisdiction of the Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism**,
29 as more specifically provided in this Chapter and in R.S. 36:744(F).

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§379.1. Regional museum governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of members

A. The Regional Museum Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum is hereby created in the Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**.

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C. The board shall be composed of the following members, all of whom shall have a knowledge of, and an interest in, art, history, including political history, and cultural restoration:

(1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**.

(2) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as a member.

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D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve a term concurrent with that of the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

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§379.2. Duties and powers of the board

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B. The board shall:

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(4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating to the operations of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and shall have such other functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter and R.S. 36:744(F).

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§379.3. The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, administration; Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**, powers and functions

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B. The board shall have custody of, and, together with the Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism**, shall administer, manage, operate, maintain, and preserve the buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum located in the city of Shreveport including, but not limited to, the museum.

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§379.4. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

A. The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall include in its annual budget request submission, as required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for support of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. The governor shall include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of operations of the museum.

B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the museum to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary closure.

(2) The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may accept and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

§379.5. Donations and loans; disposition of property

A. The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** and the board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum either

1 in the form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the
 2 Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may acquire them by
 3 purchase, lease or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations
 4 contained in the instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board
 5 may enter into any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may
 6 deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies,
 7 relics, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana
 8 State Exhibit Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust
 9 heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S.
 10 9:2341 et seq.

11 * * *

12 §379.7. ~~Secretary of state~~ **Lieutenant governor**; rules and regulations

13 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** may adopt policies, rules, and
 14 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
 15 Procedure Act.

16 §380. Establishment and location; purpose and use

17 A. The Louisiana State Cotton Museum is established as a facility in the
 18 parish of East Carroll under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~
 19 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**, as more specifically provided in this Chapter
 20 and in R.S. 36:744(F).

21 * * *

22 §380.1. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of
 23 members

24 A. The governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum is hereby
 25 created in the Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**.

26 * * *

27 C.(1) * * *

28 (2) The board shall be composed of the following members:

29 (a) Five members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**

1 **governor** from a list of ten names submitted and nominated by the legislative
2 delegation from the parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin,
3 Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Tensas, Caldwell, and Concordia from an area
4 composed of the following parishes: East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin,
5 Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Tensas, Caldwell, and Concordia.

6 (b) Six members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
7 **governor** from a list of ten names submitted and nominated by the Friends of the
8 Louisiana State Cotton Museum.

9 (c) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
10 a member.

11 * * *

12 D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
13 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**. Each member
14 shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

15 * * *

16 §380.2. Duties and powers of the board

17 * * *

18 B. The board shall:

19 * * *

20 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating
21 to the operations of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum and shall have such other
22 functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter and R.S. 36:744(F).

23 * * *

24 §380.3. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

25 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall include
26 in its annual budget request submission as required by R.S. 39:32 a request for funds
27 necessary for support of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum. The governor shall
28 include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the
29 support of operations of the museum.

1 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of State **Culture,**
2 **Recreation and Tourism** for operation of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum shall
3 be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by
4 the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs of any kind
5 shall be charged by the Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** for
6 any services associated with placement of the museum within the jurisdiction of that
7 office.

8 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana Cotton
9 Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public,
10 or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of State
11 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the museum
12 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the
13 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of State **Culture,**
14 **Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the museum during any period of
15 temporary closure.

16 (2) The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may accept
17 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
18 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

19 §380.4. Donations and loans; disposition of property

20 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** and the
21 board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants,
22 donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other
23 property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Cotton Museum either
24 in the form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the
25 Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may acquire them by
26 purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations
27 contained in the instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board
28 may enter into any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may
29 deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies,

1 relics, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana
 2 State Cotton Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust
 3 heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S.
 4 9:2341 et seq.

* * *

6 §380.6. ~~Secretary of state~~ **Lieutenant governor**; rules and regulations

7 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** may adopt policies, rules, and
 8 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
 9 Procedure Act.

* * *

11 §380.21. Establishment and location; purpose and use

12 A. The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum is established as a facility in the
 13 parish of Caddo under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~ **Culture,**
 14 **Recreation and Tourism** as more specifically provided in this Chapter and in R.S.
 15 36:744(F).

* * *

17 §380.22. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of
 18 members

19 A. The governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum is
 20 hereby created in the Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism.**

* * *

22 C.(1) * * *

23 (2) The board shall be composed of the following members:

24 (a) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
 25 **governor** from a list of fifteen names submitted by the Caddo Pine Island Oil and
 26 Historical Society.

27 (b) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
 28 a member.

* * *

1 D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
2 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**. Each member
3 shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

4 * * *

5 §380.23. Duties and powers of the board

6 * * *

7 B. The board shall:

8 * * *

9 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating
10 to the operations of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.

11 * * *

12 §380.24. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

13 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall include
14 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for
15 support of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum. The governor shall include in
16 the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support
17 of operations of the museum.

18 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of State **Culture,**
19 **Recreation and Tourism** for operation of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum
20 shall be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan
21 developed by the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs
22 of any kind shall be charged by the Department of State **Culture, Recreation and**
23 **Tourism** for any services associated with placement of the museum within the
24 jurisdiction of the department.

25 §380.25. Donations and loans; disposition of property

26 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** and the
27 board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants,
28 donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other
29 property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum

1 either in the form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa,
 2 and the Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may acquire them
 3 by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations
 4 contained in the instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board
 5 may enter into any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may
 6 deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies,
 7 relics, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana
 8 State Oil and Gas Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public
 9 trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of
 10 R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

11 * * *

12 §380.27. Secretary of state; rules and regulations

13 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** may adopt policies, rules, and
 14 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
 15 Procedure Act.

16 * * *

17 §380.51. Establishment and location; purpose and use

18 A. The Louisiana Delta Music Museum is established as a facility in the town
 19 of Ferriday, parish of Concordia, under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of
 20 **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** as more specifically provided in this
 21 Chapter and in R.S. 36:744(F).

22 * * *

23 §380.52. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of
 24 members

25 A. The governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum is hereby
 26 created in the Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism**.

27 * * *

28 C. The board shall be comprised of the following members:

29 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**

1 **governor** having a knowledge of and an interest in music of the Louisiana Delta.
 2 They shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** from an area
 3 composed of the following parishes: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll,
 4 Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll.

5 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
 6 a member.

7 * * *

8 E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
 9 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**.

10 * * *

11 §380.53. Duties and powers of the board

12 * * *

13 B. The board shall:

14 * * *

15 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating
 16 to the operations of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum.

17 * * *

18 §380.54. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

19 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation, and Tourism** shall include
 20 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for
 21 support of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum. The governor shall include in the
 22 executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of
 23 operations of the museum.

24 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of State **Culture,**
 25 **Recreation and Tourism** for operation of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum shall
 26 be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by
 27 the board. No administrative costs of any kind shall be charged by the Department
 28 of State for any services associated with placement of the museum within the
 29 jurisdiction of the department.

1 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana Delta
 2 Music Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,
 3 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of **State**
 4 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the museum
 5 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the
 6 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of **State Culture,**
 7 **Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the museum during any period of
 8 temporary closure.

9 (2) The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may accept
 10 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
 11 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

12 §380.55. Donations and loans; disposition of property

13 A. The Department of **State Culture, Recreation and Tourism** and the
 14 board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants,
 15 donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and
 16 video recordings, motion picture films, works of art, or other property on behalf of
 17 and as additions to the Louisiana Delta Music Museum either in the form of loans
 18 or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the Department of **State**
 19 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may acquire them by purchase, lease, or
 20 otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument
 21 by which such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into any and all
 22 contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper, and
 23 necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio
 24 and video recordings, motion picture films, works of art, or other property on behalf
 25 of and as additions to the Louisiana Delta Music Museum. The museum may serve
 26 as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose
 27 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

28 * * *

29 §380.57. ~~Secretary of state~~ **Lieutenant governor**; rules and regulations

1 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** may adopt policies, rules, and
2 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
3 Procedure Act.

4 * * *

5 §380.91. Establishment and location; purpose and use

6 A. The Mansfield Female College Museum is established as a facility in the
7 town of Mansfield, parish of DeSoto, under the overall jurisdiction of the
8 Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** as more specifically
9 provided in this Chapter and in R.S. 36:744(F).

10 * * *

11 §380.92. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of
12 members

13 A. The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum is hereby
14 created in the Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**.

15 * * *

16 C. The board shall be comprised of the following members who have a
17 knowledge of and an interest in the history of women's education in northwest
18 Louisiana and the DeSoto Parish area in particular and who shall be appointed as
19 follows:

20 (1) Five members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
21 **governor** from a list of nominees provided by the Friends of the Mansfield Female
22 College Museum.

23 (2) Six members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
24 **governor**.

25 (3) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
26 a member.

27 * * *

28 E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
29 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**.

1 * * *

2 §380.93. Duties and powers of the board

3 * * *

4 B. The board shall:

5 * * *

6 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating
7 to the operations of the Mansfield Female College Museum.

8 * * *

9 §380.94. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

10 A. The Department of State **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall include
11 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for
12 support of the Mansfield Female College Museum. The governor shall include in the
13 executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of
14 operations of the museum.

15 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of State **Culture,**
16 **Recreation and Tourism** for operation of the Mansfield Female College Museum
17 shall be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan
18 developed by the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs
19 of any kind shall be charged by the Department of State **Culture, Recreation and**
20 **Tourism** for any services associated with placement of the museum within the
21 jurisdiction of the department.

22 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Mansfield Female
23 College Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,
24 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of State
25 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the museum
26 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the
27 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of State **Culture,**
28 **Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the museum during any period of
29 temporary closure.

1 (2) The Department of State Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept
2 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
3 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

4 §380.95. Donations and loans; disposition of property

5 A. The Department of State Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the
6 board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants,
7 donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and
8 video recordings, motion picture film, works of art, or other property on behalf of
9 and as additions to the Mansfield Female College Museum either in the form of loans
10 or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the Department of State
11 Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase, lease, or
12 otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument
13 by which such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into any and all
14 contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper, and
15 necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio
16 and video recordings, motion picture film, works of art, or other property on behalf
17 of and as additions to the Mansfield Female College Museum. The museum may
18 serve as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such
19 purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

20 * * *

21 §380.97. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

22 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and
23 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
24 Procedure Act.

25 * * *

26 §380.151. Establishment and location; purpose and use

27 A. The Germantown Colony Museum is established as a facility in the parish
28 of Webster, under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of State Culture,
29 Recreation and Tourism as more specifically provided in this Chapter and in R.S.

1 36:744(F).

2 * * *

3 §380.152. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of
4 members

5 A. The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum is hereby
6 created in the Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism**.

7 * * *

8 C. The board shall be comprised of the following members:

9 (1) Eleven members who have a knowledge of and an interest in the purposes
10 of the museum shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**.

11 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee shall serve as
12 a member of the board.

13 * * *

14 E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve
15 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor**.

16 * * *

17 §380.153. Duties and powers of the board

18 * * *

19 B. The board shall:

20 * * *

21 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters relating
22 to the operations of the Germantown Colony Museum.

23 * * *

24 §380.154. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

25 A.(1) The Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall
26 include in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds
27 necessary for support of the Germantown Colony Museum. The governor shall
28 include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the
29 support of operations of the museum.

1 (2) The board, with the approval of the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant
2 governor, shall employ, appoint, remove, and fix the term, compensation, and
3 responsibilities of a museum chief administrative officer and a museum director. The
4 museum director may also serve as the museum chief administrative officer.

5 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,
6 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Germantown Colony Museum shall
7 be used solely for that purpose. No administrative costs of any kind shall be charged
8 by the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism for any services
9 associated with placement of the museum within the jurisdiction of the department.

10 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Germantown
11 Colony Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,
12 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~
13 Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum
14 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the
15 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture,
16 Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of
17 temporary closure.

18 (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept
19 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
20 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

21 §380.155. Donations and loans; disposition of property

22 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the
23 board, jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants,
24 donations, and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, video
25 recordings, motion picture films, books and papers, pictures and photographs,
26 documents, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the
27 Germantown Colony Museum either in the form of loans or in the form of donations
28 inter vivos or mortis causa, and the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and
29 Tourism may acquire them by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms,

1 conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument by which such property is
 2 acquired. However, the board may enter into any and all contracts with any person,
 3 lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive
 4 such lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, video recordings, motion picture
 5 films, books and papers, pictures and photographs, documents, works of art, or other
 6 property on behalf of and as additions to the Germantown Colony Museum. The
 7 museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter
 8 created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

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10 §380.157. Secretary of state; rules and regulations

11 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** may adopt policies, rules, and
 12 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative
 13 Procedure Act.

* * *

15 §1242. Creation; domicile; membership

16 A. The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission, hereinafter referred to as
 17 "commission", is hereby created in the Department of State **Culture, Recreation**
 18 **and Tourism**.

* * *

20 C. The commission shall include the following members:

21 (1) Seven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant**
 22 **governor**, subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate, to serve four-year terms
 23 concurrent with the governor.

24 (2) The following shall also be members of the commission:

* * *

26 (h) The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** or his designee.

* * *

28 §1243. Powers and duties of the commission

* * *

1 B. The commission shall:

2 * * *

3 (3) Advise the ~~secretary of the state~~ **lieutenant governor** on all matters
4 relating to the operations of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.

5 * * *

6 §1244. Donations and grants

7 The ~~secretary of the state~~ **lieutenant governor** and the commission, jointly
8 or separately, may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of any private or public funds in
9 the form of donations of money, grants, property, or personal services from
10 individuals, corporations, and governments to achieve the purposes of this Chapter.

11 §1245. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

12 A. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ **Culture,**
13 **Recreation and Tourism** for operation of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum shall be
14 used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by the
15 commission.

16 B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Eddie G. Robinson
17 Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public,
18 or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~
19 **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** is authorized to temporarily close the museum
20 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the
21 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ **Culture,**
22 **Recreation and Tourism** shall maintain the museum during any period of
23 temporary closure.

24 (2) The Department of ~~State~~ **Culture, Recreation and Tourism** may accept
25 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or
26 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

27 §1246. ~~Secretary of state~~ **Lieutenant governor**; rules and regulations

28 The ~~secretary of state~~ **lieutenant governor** shall establish policies, rules, and
29 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative

1 Procedure Act.

2 Section 2. R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3) are hereby amended and
3 reenacted and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (19) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

4 §207. Assistant secretaries

5 A.(1) Each office within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism,
6 except the office of management and finance, shall be under the immediate
7 supervision and direction of an assistant secretary. The assistant secretary of each
8 office, except the office of the state library **and the office of the state museum,**
9 shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor with the consent of the Senate and shall
10 serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor. Each assistant secretary shall be paid
11 a salary which shall be fixed by the lieutenant governor, which salary shall not
12 exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session.

13 (2) The state librarian shall serve as the assistant secretary for the office of
14 the state library and the director of the Louisiana State Museum shall serve as the
15 assistant secretary for the office of the state museum. The state librarian shall be
16 selected and serve as otherwise provided by law. The director of the Louisiana State
17 Museum shall be appointed by the ~~lieutenant governor~~ **the Oversight Board of the**
18 **Louisiana State Museum.** Both the state librarian and the director of the Louisiana
19 State Museum shall be appointed with consent of the Senate.

20 * * *

21 §209. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
22 Culture, Recreation and Tourism

23 A. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
24 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in accordance with the provisions
25 of R.S. 36:901 et seq. except as otherwise provided by this Subsection:

26 (3) The ~~Board of Directors~~ **Oversight Board** of the Louisiana State Museum
27 (R.S. 25:341 et seq.). The board shall continue to exercise those powers, duties, and
28 functions with respect to accessions, deaccessions, loans, and conservation of the
29 buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State Museum which it is

1 authorized by law to exercise, all in accordance with professional museum practices
2 as established by the American Association of Museums, except as otherwise
3 provided by law; and the members of the board shall continue to serve as trustees for
4 the William Irby Trust.

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6 (11) The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol (R.S. 25:371 et seq.).

7 (12) Old State Capitol Memorial Commission (Act No. 250 of the 1948
8 Regular Session of the Legislature).

9 (13) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission (R.S. 25:1241 et seq.).

10 (14) The governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum (R.S.
11 25:380.51 et seq.).

12 (15) The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum (R.S.
13 25:380.91 et seq.).

14 (16) The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum (R.S.
15 24:380.151 et seq.).

16 (17) The Regional Museum Governing Board of the Louisiana State
17 Exhibit Museum (R.S. 25:379 et seq.).

18 (18) The governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum (R.S.
19 25:380 et seq.).

20 (19) The governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum
21 (R.S. 25:380.21 et seq.).

22 Section 3. R.S. 25:371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), (F)(1)(a) and (c)
23 through (g) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

24 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor
25 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
26 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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Proposed law provides generally for the consolidation of the governance of the state's various museums as follows:

- (1) Creates the Oversight Board for the Louisiana State Museum, consisting of the following members: the governor, or his designee, the lieutenant governor, or his designee, the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his designee, the secretary of state, or his designee, the president of the Senate, or his designee, the speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee, an appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the Region 1 Board, an appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the Region 2 Board, and an appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the Region 3 Board.
- (2) Creates three regional boards under the jurisdiction of the oversight board and provides for their powers, duties, and functions.
- (3) Each regional board will consist of nine total members, consisting of appointees of the lieutenant governor and at-large members.
- (4) The Louisiana State Museum will be composed of the following:
 - The Cabildo.
 - The Presbytere.
 - The Lower Pontalba Building.
 - The Creole House.
 - The Arsenal.
 - Madame John's Legacy.
 - The 1850 House.
 - The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum.
 - The Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old United States Mint in New Orleans.
 - The Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson.
 - The Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.
 - The Museum Storage and Curation Facility.
 - The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum.
 - The Edward Douglass White Historic Site.
 - The Capitol Park Museum.
 - The Old State Capitol.
 - The Old Governor's Mansion, subject to the provisions of R.S. 49:141.
 - The Louisiana Delta Music Museum.
 - The Eddie G. Robinson Museum.
 - The Louisiana State Cotton Museum.
 - The Germantown Colony Museum.
 - The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.
 - The Mansfield Female College Museum.
 - The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.

Proposed law transfers the following museums from the jurisdiction of the Department of State and the secretary of state to the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and the lieutenant governor:

The Louisiana Delta Music Museum.
 The Eddie G. Robinson Museum.
 The Germantown Colony Museum.
 The Louisiana State Cotton Museum.
 The Old State Capitol.
 The Mansfield Female College Museum.

Proposed law places the Old Governor's Mansion, which is currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of State pursuant to an arrangement with the Division of Administration as provided in present law, in the office of the state museum.

Proposed law removes the following from the office of the state museum:

The Louisiana Forestry Museum.
 The Natchitoches Parish Old Courthouse Museum.
 The Winn Parish Museum.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 25:341(A), (C),(D),(E),(F), and (G), 342(A)(1) and (5) and (B)(1) and (3), 343(A), 371(2), 372(A), 373(A), (B)(1) and (2) and (C), 374(A)(1) and (B), 375(B), (C), (D), and (E), 376(B), 377(A), (B),(C)(2)(intro para.) and (C)(2)(c), 378, 379(A), 379.1(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (D), 379.2(B)(4), 379.3,(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1(A) and (C)(2)(a), (b), and (c), and (D), 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22(A),(C)(2)(a) and (b), and (D), 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27, 380.51(A), 380.52(A), (C)(1) and (2), and (E), 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92(A), (C), and (E), 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A), 380.152(A), (C), and (E), 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A), (C)(1) and (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244, 1245, and 1246 and R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3); enacts R.S. 25:342(B)(4), 347, 348, and 348.1 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) - (19); repeals R.S. 25:371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), (F)(1)(a) and (c) - (g))