
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the governance and administration of the office of the state museum in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and provides for the transfer of museums and related boards from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law creates the Bd. of Directors of the La. State Museum in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT).

Proposed law changes the name of the board to the Oversight Board of the La. State Museum.

Proposed law provides that the board is comprised as follows:

- (1) The secretary of CRT or his designee.
- (2) Members appointed by the lieutenant governor from nominations submitted by: the Friends of the Cabildo, the La. Historical Society, the La. Historical Assoc., the Foundation for Historical La., the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation, the La. Museum Foundation, the Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site, the La. Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, the La. Civil Rights Museum Advisory Bd., and the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.
- (3) Seven members appointed by the lieutenant governor at-large.

Proposed law provides that the board is comprised of the following members:

- (1) The governor, or his designee.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.
- (3) The secretary of CRT, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

- (7) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 1 bd.
- (8) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 2 bd.
- (9) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 3 bd.

Proposed law provides for three regional governing boards which shall each employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the museums under that board's jurisdiction.

Present law provides for the director of the La. State Museum who serves as the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum in CRT.

Present law provides for appointment of the director by the lieutenant governor. Proposed law provides for appointment of the director by the oversight board created by proposed law.

Proposed law transfers the following entities and the museums associated therewith from the Dept. of State to CRT:

- (1) The Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol.
- (2) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission.
- (3) The governing board of the La. Delta Music Museum.
- (4) The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum.
- (5) The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum.
- (6) The Regional Museum Governing Bd. of the La. State Exhibit Museum.
- (7) The governing board of the La. State Cotton Museum.
- (8) The governing board of the La. State Oil and Gas Museum.

Proposed law provides that these museum boards have advisory functions within CRT.

Present law, which is repealed by proposed law, provides as follows with respect to these museum boards except the Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol:

- (1) Authorizes them to solicit and accept gifts and donations.
- (2) Provides that they exercise all powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities provided or

authorized by law which are in the nature of regulation, enforcement, or adjudication. Provides that they are responsible for the performance and administration of their day-to-day operations, except that the secretary of state is responsible for those matters which are in the nature of accounting, payroll, budget control, procurement, data processing, and personnel management. Authorizes the secretary to transfer or implement any or all of these functions through the secretary and the department.

- (3) The books, papers, records, moneys, actions, and other property possessed, controlled, or used by these boards are owned, possessed, controlled, and used by the board. Also, the employees of the board are controlled by the board and its executive head.
- (4) Prohibits removal of records, books, or papers stored in the museum without approval of the governing board.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 25:341(A) and (C), 342(A)(1) and (5) and (B)(1) and (3), 343(A), 349(A), 371(2), 372(A) and (C)(2), 373, 374(A)(1) and (B), 375, 376, 377(A), (B), and (C)(2)(intro. para.) and (c), 378, 379(A), 379.1, 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1, 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22, 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27, 380.51(A), 380.52, 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92, 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A), 380.152, 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A) and (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); Adds R.S. 25:342(B)(4), 347, 347.1, and 347.2 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (18) and (D)(4), (5), and (6); Repeals R.S. 25:341(D) through (H) and 371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), and (F))