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## DIGEST

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HB 565 Engrossed

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Knox

**Abstract:** Provides relative to construction work on historic buildings owned by the state or a parish or municipality.

Proposed law provides that in addition to all other applicable provisions of law, when the state or a parish or municipality undertakes restoration, renovation, or other construction work performed on property that is designated as a landmark or located within a historic district, as such landmarks and districts are established pursuant to specified state or federal laws, the following also apply:

- (1) All such work shall adhere to guidelines and best practices outlined by the state historic preservation office and the Dept. of the Interior. No such work shall be undertaken on critical elements of our architectural and cultural heritage without compliance with preservation guidelines and consultation with qualified preservation professionals.
- (2) All such work shall comply with the secretary of the Dept. of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and other relevant preservation best practices.
- (3) The entity undertaking the work shall solicit advice and guidance from the state historic preservation officer, the local historic districts landmark commission, and other preservation experts.
- (4) The entity undertaking the work shall notify the legislators representing the districts in which the property is located.
- (5) The entity undertaking the work shall hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on the design of and plan for the renovation or other construction.
- (6) The state historic preservation officer may issue a cease and desist order for any work being planned or executed that is not in compliance with proposed law. He may also impose or seek imposition of any applicable fines or penalties.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 25:747)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Limit applicability of proposed law to landmarks and historic districts established pursuant to specified state or federal laws.