
DIGEST

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HB 756 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the allocation and use of space in the state capitol complex, including specifying the allocation of the pentagon barracks buildings.

Present law relative to the allocation and use of space in the capitol complex, provides that notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the allocation and use of space within the state capitol, pentagon court buildings, and the Old Arsenal Museum, including the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the pentagon court, and the Old Arsenal Museum, shall be as follows:

- (1) The fourth floor and three floors of the state capitol building shall be allocated to and be used by the governor for his office, the offices of the members of his personal staff, and the offices of such other personnel of agencies within the office of the governor as the governor shall determine.
- (2) Four floors of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the attorney general and one floor of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the treasurer and the secretary of state. That space leased to members of the press on July 1, 1979, by the division of administration shall constitute the press area of the capitol and shall be under the control of the governor; however, if renovations require reassignment of the press, such reassignment shall be determined by the governor, the House speaker, and Senate president.
- (3) The designation of the eight floors set forth in (1) and (2), not including the fourth floor, shall be jointly determined by the governor, the House speaker, and Senate president.
- (4) All areas of the state capitol, pentagon court buildings, and Old Arsenal Museum not allocated in (1) and (2) shall be for the sole use of the legislature. In addition, the former nurses' dormitory at the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, located on Capitol Lake, shall be for the sole use of the legislature until such time as it shall be renovated in accordance with the Capitol Complex Master Plan and it shall then revert to the control of the division of administration. The allocation of these areas shall be made by the legislature by joint rule or through the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.
- (5) Provides that except as otherwise provided in existing law, the superintendent of state buildings shall have charge of the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon court buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds and that in the performance of such duties, the superintendent shall be under the

authority and direction of the governor, the House speaker, and the Senate president.

- (6) Provides that subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the Senate president, and House speaker, the superintendent of state buildings shall set aside and maintain areas on the grounds of the state capitol for specified memorials.

Proposed law retains present law except:

- (1) Includes additions or appurtenances to state capitol and deletes specific reference to the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the capitol.
- (2) Changes references from state capitol building to state capitol and Old Arsenal Museum to Old Arsenal Magazine Museum.
- (3) Changes reference from pentagon courts buildings to pentagon barracks buildings and specifies that Building A is allocated to the House, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined by the speaker; Building D is allocated to the Senate, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined by the president; and Buildings B and C are allocated to the House and the Senate, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined jointly by the speaker and the president.
- (4) Deletes reference to the former nurses' dormitory at the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.
- (5) Removes provisions allocating four floors to the attorney general and one floor to the treasurer and secretary of state. Provides that the third floor is allocated to the treasurer and the commissioner of agriculture. Provides that the treasurer shall have space on another floor. Provides that the twentieth floor shall be allocated to the secretary of state. Provides that the twenty-second and twenty-third floors shall be allocated to the attorney general. Maintains that the designation of the floors to the executive branch officials shall be jointly determined by the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate.
- (6) Specifies that the designation of the floors not otherwise specifically designated shall be jointly determined by the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate or by the legislature by joint rule.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:150.1(A)-(G), (H)(1)(a), and (I)(1)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Provide that at least one floor shall be allocated to the secretary of state and that at least one floor shall be allocated to the attorney general rather than those officials sharing a floor.
2. Remove specific reference to the State Bond Commission relative to use of space on a floor allocated to the treasurer.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify the floor allocated to the secretary of state and the two floors allocated to the attorney general.
2. Make proposed law effective upon signature of governor.