

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 694****2024 Regular Session****Boyd**

CULTURE/REC/TOUR: Establishes the Louisiana Music Commission within the Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Reduces the number of appointments granted to the Lt. gov. from 15 to 13 and grants two appointments to the secretary of state.
2. Requires the secretary of state to appoint a minority member and makes appointments made by the secretary of state subject to senate confirmation.
3. Requires that members appointed by the secretary of state serve terms concurrent with the secretary of state.
4. Requires that vacancies in appointments made by the secretary of state be filled by the secretary of state.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law establishes the La. Music Commission (commission) in the office of cultural development within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department). Provides that the commission shall be domiciled in the Baton Rouge area.

Proposed law provides that the commission is composed of 15 persons, 13 appointed by the Lt. governor, and two by the secretary of state. Requires both the Lt. governor and the secretary of state to appoint a minority member. Provides that each appointment is subject to senate confirmation. Further provides that members serve for a term concurrent with that of the Lt. governor and secretary of state making the appointment.

Proposed law authorizes the commission, with the consent of the secretary, to appoint a director to administer the functions of the commission.

Proposed law requires that the department's budget request and the governor's executive budget include funds sufficient to support the commission. Requires that funds appropriated for operation of the commission be used for such purpose. Prohibits charging administrative costs associated with placing the commission within the department.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to solicit funds from any source, public or private, to accomplish the purposes of the commission.

(Adds R.S. 25:315-317 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11))