

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

SB 477

2024 Regular Session

Jenkins

Proposed law would have established the Shreveport Water Works Museum as a facility in the city of Shreveport under the overall jurisdiction of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department).

Proposed law would have required that the department's budget request and the governor's executive budget include funds sufficient to support the museum. Would have required that funds appropriated for operation of the museum be used for such purpose. Would have prohibited the department from charging any administrative costs associated with placing the museum within the department.

Proposed law would have authorized the department to solicit and accept funds and other property for the museum either as loans or donations and provides with respect thereto. Would have authorized the museum to serve as the beneficiary of any public trust created for such purpose. Would have granted the Board of Directors of the La. State Museum (board) authority of deaccession with respect to any collection of the museum and in case of such deaccessions exempts the board from present law relative to sale or disposal of surplus property. Would have required the board to establish policies and procedures to carry out such authority.

Proposed law would have provided relative to unclaimed property loaned to or otherwise left with the museum. Would have provided that such property shall become property of the museum if no claim has been made after 10 years and after notice according to specified procedures. Would have provided that museum collections shall be available for use in educational projects subject to approval by the board.

Proposed law would have provided for the implementation of proposed law to become effective upon appropriation of monies by the legislature.

Would have been effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Proposed to enact R.S. 25:380.101-380.104)

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 477 of the 2024 Regular Session. This bill establishes the Shreveport Waters Work Museum within the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. The Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism projects this museum will cost at least \$424,000 per year. This reoccurring expense is expected to increase annually, but no permanent funding source is identified. Instead, the legislation purports to require the Governor to include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of the museum.

The constitution grants the Governor authority over the executive budget's submission, and a statute that attempts to dictate specific inclusions in this budget infringes upon the authority of the executive branch, La. Const. art II, §2 and La. Const. art. VII, § 11.

For these reasons, Senate Bill 477 will not become law."