

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR MIZELL

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. Establishes the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

WHEREAS, a significant portion of Louisiana residents are of Irish descent whose ancestors immigrated from Ireland and settled in numerous locations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the ties that bind Ireland to Louisiana are profound and to honor those of Irish descent in our state, the legislature designates the month of March of each year as "Irish-American Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, Ireland and Louisiana are attempting to reinvent their economies for success in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has both historic and practical reasons to desire the building of stronger commercial links with Ireland and for these reasons, there is hereby established the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission shall be to:

- (1) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Louisiana and Ireland.
- (2) Initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Louisiana and Ireland.
- (3) Promote business and academic exchanges between Louisiana and Ireland.
- (4) Encourage mutual economic support between Louisiana and Ireland.

1 (5) Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Louisiana and Ireland.

2 (6) Address any other issue as determined by the commission.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
4 establish Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission to reinvent the economies of Louisiana and  
5 Ireland for success, build a strong commercial link with Ireland, and to propose  
6 recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the  
7 governor, to the Legislature of Louisiana, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research  
8 Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2026.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission shall  
10 be comprised of the following members:

11 (1) One member representing the restaurant industry, appointed by the president of  
12 the Senate.

13 (2) One member representing the oil and gas industry, appointed by the speaker of  
14 the House of Representatives.

15 (3) Two members of the Senate or their designee, appointed by the president of the  
16 Senate.

17 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives or their designee, appointed by  
18 the speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (5) Six members appointed by the governor; which members appointed shall include  
20 at least one representative from a public institution of higher education and at least two  
21 public members representing Irish-American communities or interests.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appointments shall be made no later than  
23 September 1, 2025, and a vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in  
24 the same manner as the original appointment was made.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall meet as necessary and  
26 shall report its findings, results, and recommendations to the governor, the Legislature of  
27 Louisiana, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library. The report shall be in  
28 writing and include recommendations as deemed appropriate by the commission to  
29 effectuate its purpose.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall convene its first meeting

1 no later than October 1, 2025, at the call of the Senate president, and at the first meeting, the  
2 members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the commission may deem appropriate.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the commission shall constitute  
4 a quorum for the transaction of business and all official actions of the commission shall  
5 require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve  
7 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be  
8 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Legislative Services shall provide staff  
10 support for the commission.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall terminate on the date of  
12 the submission of its report or August 1, 2026, whichever occurs first.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana and Governor Jeff Landry.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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