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HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

TECHNOLOGY: Provides with respect to the Louisiana Geographic Information System (Item #26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1053(A) and (C)(15) through (17) and 1054 and to enact R.S.
3 49:1053(C)(18) through (21), 1054.1, and 1055(D), relative to the Louisiana
4 Geographic Information System; to provide for membership of the Louisiana
5 Geographic Information Systems Council; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana
6 Geographic Information Systems Council and its staff; to provide for the duties of
7 the Louisiana Geographic Information Center; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 49:1053(A) and (C)(15) through (17) and 1054 are hereby amended
10 and reenacted and R.S. 49:1053(C)(18) through (21), 1054.1, and 1055(D) are hereby
11 enacted to read as follows:

12 §1053. Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; creation; membership;
13 quorum; domicile

14 A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems
15 Council, which shall be responsible for guiding the sound development of
16 geographic information systems, spatially enabled data, and geographically related
17 information technology for the state of Louisiana.

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19 C. The council shall be composed of the following members:

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1 (15) A representative of the Department of Labor, appointed by the
2 secretary.

3 (16) A representative of the Department of Social Services, appointed by the
4 secretary.

5 (17) A representative of the Department of Education, appointed by the
6 superintendent of education.

7 ~~(15)~~ (18) A representative of the Louisiana Assessors Association, appointed
8 by the governor from a list of three names submitted by such association and subject
9 to confirmation by the Senate.

10 ~~(16)~~ (19) A representative of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana,
11 appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by such association
12 and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

13 ~~(17)~~ (20) A representative of the Louisiana Municipal Association, appointed
14 by the governor from a list of three names submitted by such association and subject
15 to confirmation by the Senate.

16 ~~(18)~~ (21) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Planning and
17 Development Districts, appointed by the governor from a list of three names
18 submitted by such association and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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20 §1054. Duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

21 The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council shall have the
22 following duties:

23 (1) To direct the activities of and provide oversight to a center, the Louisiana
24 Geographic Information Center (LAGIC), established to provide various GIS
25 services to the state.

26 (2) To establish GIS policies, procedures, and guidelines for the sharing of
27 data and technology among federal, state, and local agencies.

28 ~~(3) To promote GIS use and development in Louisiana.~~

1 ~~(4)~~ (3) To provide a forum for the coordination and cooperation of federal,
2 state, and local GIS efforts.

3 ~~(5)~~ To attract funding for state GIS efforts.

4 ~~(6)~~ To coordinate the acquisition of statewide data sets.

5 ~~(7)~~ To facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure for network
6 communication and data exchange among state GIS users.

7 ~~(8)~~ (4) To advise state agencies on the acquisition and implementation of
8 GIS and related activities.

9 ~~(9)~~ To coordinate GIS activities in state government with the activities of the
10 office of information technology, office of electronic services as provided in R.S.
11 39:15.1 et seq.

12 §1054.1. Duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Center

13 The Louisiana Geographic Information Center shall have the following
14 duties:

15 (1) To provide various GIS services to the state and to implement the
16 directives of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council.

17 (2) To create a statewide geo-spatial portal for the consolidated distribution
18 of spatial and related non-spatial data.

19 (3) To collect, maintain, and distribute existing spatial or related non-spatial
20 data by a statewide geo-spatial portal.

21 (4) To provide technical assistance to state agencies on the acquisition and
22 implementation of GIS and related activities.

23 (5) To facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure for network
24 communication and data exchange among state GIS users.

25 (6) To promote GIS use and development in Louisiana.

26 (7) To attract funding for state GIS efforts.

27 (8) To serve as the single point of contact for federal, state, and local geo-
28 spatial activities.

29 (9) To coordinate GIS activities in state government with the activities of the

1 office of information technology, office of electronic services, as provided in R.S.

2 39:15.1 et seq.

3 (10) The Louisiana Geographic Information Center shall have authority to
4 enter into contracts or other associated agreements necessary to conduct the duties
5 set forth in this Section.

6 §1055. Staff of the council; cooperation by departments and local units of
7 government

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9 D. In order to obtain spatial or related non-spatial data, the Louisiana
10 Geographic Information Center shall have the authority to enter into agreements with
11 federal, state, and local public entities and private sector entities. These agreements
12 shall protect confidentiality, contracted licensing agreements, and sensitive
13 information or information deemed sensitive as defined by the federal Department
14 of Homeland Security and state Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
15 Preparedness.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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HB No. 160

Abstract: Provides with respect to the Louisiana Geographic Information System.

Present law provides for the creation of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council, hereinafter the "council", within the division of administration, office of information technology, office of electronic services.

Present law provides for the composition of the council as:

- (1) A representative of the Senate.
- (2) A representative of the House of Representatives.
- (3) A representative of the division of administration.
- (4) A representative of the office of the military department.
- (5) A representative of the Dept. of Justice.
- (6) A representative of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (7) A representative of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
- (8) A representative of the Dept. of Economic Development.
- (9) A representative of the Dept. of Environmental Quality.
- (10) A representative of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.
- (11) A representative of the Dept. of Natural Resources.
- (12) A representative of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

- (13) A representative of the Dept. of Transportation and Development.
- (14) A representative of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- (15) A representative of the Louisiana Assessors Association.
- (16) A representative of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.
- (17) A representative of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (18) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the following additional members:

- (1) A representative of the Dept. of Labor.
- (2) A representative of the Dept. of Social Services.
- (3) A representative of the Dept. of Education.

Present law provides for the duties of the council. Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Geographic Information Center, hereinafter the "center", which is established to provide various GIS services to the state. Proposed law transfers certain duties from the council to the center and provides for other duties of the center. Under proposed law the duties of the council are:

- (1) To direct the activities of and provide oversight to the center, established to provide various GIS services to the state.
- (2) To establish GIS policies, procedures, and guidelines for the sharing of data and technology among federal, state, and local agencies.
- (3) To provide a forum for the coordination and cooperation of federal, state, and local GIS efforts.
- (4) To advise state agencies on the acquisition and implementation of GIS and related activities.

Proposed law provides the duties of the center are:

- (1) To provide various GIS services to the state and to implement the directives of the council.
- (2) To create a statewide geo-spatial portal for the consolidated distribution of spatial and related non-spatial data.
- (3) To collect, maintain, and distribute existing spatial or related non-spatial data by a statewide geo-spatial portal.
- (4) To provide technical assistance to state agencies on the acquisition and implementation of GIS and related activities.
- (5) To facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure for network communication and data exchange among state GIS users.
- (6) To promote GIS use and development in Louisiana.
- (7) To attract funding for state GIS efforts.
- (8) To serve as the single point of contact for state and local geo-spatial activities.
- (9) To coordinate GIS activities in state government with the activities of the office of information technology, office of electronic services.
- (10) The center shall have authority to enter into all contracts or other associated agreements necessary to conduct its duties.

Proposed law authorizes the center to enter into agreements with federal, state, and local public entities and private sector entities in order to obtain spatial or related non-spatial data. Such agreements shall protect confidentiality, contracted licensing agreements, and sensitive information or information deemed sensitive as defined by the federal Dept. of Homeland Security and state Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

(Amends R.S. 49:1053(A) and (C)(15)-(17) and 1054; Adds R.S. 49:1053(C)(18)-(21), 1054.1, and 1055(D))