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## DIGEST

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**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))