First Extraordinary Session, 2005

ACT NO. 68

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1053(A), (C)(15) through (18), (D), (E), and (F) and 1054 and
3	to enact R.S. 49:1053(C)(19) through (21), 1054.1, and 1055(D), relative to the
4	Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; to provide for membership of
5	the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; to provide for the duties of
6	the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council and its staff; to provide for
7	the powers, functions, and duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Center;
8	to provide for the protection and confidentiality of certain information; and to
9	provide for related matters.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. 49:1053(A), (C)(15) through (18), (D), (E), and (F) and 1054 are
12	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:1053(C)(19) through (21), 1054.1, and 1055(D)
13	are hereby enacted to read as follows:
14	§1053. Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; creation; membership;
15	quorum; domicile
16	A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems
17	Council, which shall be responsible for guiding the sound development of
18	geographic information systems, spatially enabled data, and geographically related
19	information technology for the state of Louisiana.
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21	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.
19	D. Upon approval of the council, any other entity in state government may
20	appoint a representative as a member of the council. The appointing authority of
21	such entity shall make the appointment.
22	E.(1) Each representative appointed shall be knowledgeable about
23	geographic information systems and shall be involved in GIS applications in his
24	employment capacity.
25	(2) Each representative may appoint a designee who shall have all the rights
26	and privileges as a member of the council when acting in such capacity.
27	F. The council shall select a chairman and vice chairman from its
28	membership.
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1	§1054. Duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
2	The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council shall have the
3	following duties:
4	(1) To direct the activities of <u>and provide oversight to</u> a center, the Louisiana
5	Geographic Information Center (LAGIC), established to provide various GIS
6	services to the state.
7	(2) To establish GIS policies, procedures, and guidelines for the sharing of
8	data and technology among federal, state, and local agencies.
9	(3) To promote GIS use and development in Louisiana.
10	(4) (3) To provide a forum for the coordination and cooperation of <u>federal</u> ,
11	state, and local GIS efforts.
12	(5) To attract funding for state GIS efforts.
13	(6) To coordinate the acquisition of statewide data sets.
14	(7) To facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure for network
15	communication and data exchange among state GIS users.
16	(8) (4) To advise state agencies on the acquisition and implementation of
17	GIS and related activities.
18	(9) To coordinate GIS activities in state government with the activities of the
19	office of information technology, office of electronic services as provided in R.S.
20	39:15.1 et seq.
21	<u>§1054.1.</u> Duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Center
22	A. The Louisiana Geographic Information Center shall have the following
23	duties:
24	(1) To provide various GIS services to the state and to implement the
25	directives of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council.
26	(2) To create a statewide geo-spatial portal for the consolidated distribution
27	of spatial and related non-spatial data.
28	(3) To collect, maintain, and distribute existing spatial or related non-spatial
29	data by a statewide geo-spatial portal.

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1	(4) To provide technical assistance to state agencies on the acquisition and
2	implementation of GIS and related activities.
3	(5) To facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure for network
4	communication and data exchange among state GIS users.
5	(6) To promote GIS use and development in Louisiana.
6	(7) To attract funding for state GIS efforts.
7	(8) To serve as the primary contact for information related to geo-spatial
8	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	<u>39:15.1 et seq.</u>
12	B.(1) The Louisiana Geographic Information Center shall have authority to
13	enter into contracts or other associated agreements necessary to conduct the duties
14	set forth in this Section.
15	(2) The Louisiana Geographic Information Center may seek reimbursement
16	for any assistance provided to federal, state, or local entities.
17	(3) The Louisiana Geographic Information Center may apply for, accept,
18	and utilize grants, contributions, and other funding in order to carry out its powers,
19	functions, and duties and the directives of the Louisiana Geographic Information
20	Systems Council.
21	§1055. Staff of the council; cooperation by departments and local units of
22	government
23	* * *
24	D. In order to obtain spatial or related non-spatial data, the Louisiana
25	Geographic Information Center shall have the authority to enter into agreements with
26	federal, state, and local public entities and private sector entities. These agreements
27	shall protect confidentiality, contracted licensing agreements, and sensitive
28	information or information deemed sensitive as defined by the federal Department

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