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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 184

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1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
3 conduct further study of the organization of the executive branch of state government
4 and to report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives of
5 the Legislature of Louisiana prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of
6 the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, House Study Request No. 9 of the 2012 Regular Session requested the
8 House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the organization of the
9 executive branch of state government and to report its findings and recommendations to the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to the study request, the chairman of the House Committee on
12 House and Governmental Affairs requested detailed written information from officials of
13 executive branch departments and agencies to assist the committee in performing its study;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the committee held a number of extensive hearings to discuss the
16 information received with representatives of the departments and to explore possible
17 recommendations for legislation; and

18 WHEREAS, the study revealed a number of areas that warrant further consideration
19 and study.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the House Committee on House
22 and Governmental Affairs to conduct further study of the organization of the executive
23 branch of state government and to report its findings and recommendations to the House of
24 Representatives prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of
25 Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, without limitation,
27 examination of the following:

1 (1) The advisability of expanding the authority of the division of administrative law
2 to cover agencies currently exempted from having adjudications conducted by the division
3 and agencies whose adjudications are currently only partially being conducted by the
4 division.

5 (2) The advisability of the office of mineral resources and the Mineral and Energy
6 Board in the Department of Natural Resources administering and managing mineral leases
7 for all state departments, agencies, and institutions.

8 (3) The advisability of the charitable gaming and alcoholic beverage control
9 functions of the Department of Revenue being transferred to public safety services of the
10 Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

11 (4) The advisability of transferring the state's audit functions relative to
12 unemployment insurance taxes to the Department of Revenue.

13 (5) The respective functions and capabilities of the State Police Commission and the
14 Department of State Civil Service to determine which functions could be consolidated and
15 how resources and personnel could best be utilized, particularly as related to testing
16 functions and office of management and finance functions.

17 (6) The consolidation of reporting of extracted mineral resources, royalty payments,
18 and severance taxes.

19 (7) The consolidation of reporting of unemployment and withholding taxes.

20 (8) The authority and functions of the state treasurer provided by law, particularly
21 R.S. 36:801.3, relative to the four state retirement systems in the Department of the
22 Treasury.

23 (9) The placement of agencies within departments and department oversight and
24 control of agencies.

25 (10) The centralization and consolidation of management and finance functions
26 within each department.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to each statewide elected official and the chief executive officer of each department in the
29 executive branch of state government.