

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 651****2016 Regular Session****Reynolds**

SUNSET LAW: Provides for the re-creation of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to ensure that a station archeologist is employed full-time at the Poverty Point State Historic Site.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (Sunset law) provides that the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2016, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2017, unless the legislative enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2016, in accordance with the "Sunset" law. Supercedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which set out the procedure for review and re-creation and which require a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department along with additional provisions. July 1, 2021, is the new termination date, and termination would begin July 1, 2020, unless the department is again re-created.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to ensure that a station archeologist is employed full-time at the Poverty Point State Historic Site.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(9)(b) and R.S. 56:1685.3; Repeals R.S. 49:191(6)(b))