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## DIGEST

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HB 71 Reengrossed

2017 Regular Session

Carmody

**Abstract:** Prohibits state and local government entities from taking actions with respect to removal or destruction of public military memorials.

Proposed law prohibits altering, removing, relocating, or destroying a memorial, including any structure, plaque, statue, or monument that is located on public property and that commemorates specified wars in U.S. history. Further prohibits altering, removing, relocating, destroying, rededicating, or renaming a public memorial, including any structure, plaque, statue, monument, school, street, bridge, building, park, or area, that has been dedicated in memory of or named for any historical military figure, historical military event, military organization, or military unit.

Proposed law provides, however, that the state agency or political subdivision responsible for maintaining any such memorial may take actions it deems necessary for the protection, preservation, care, repair, or restoration of a memorial.

Proposed law authorizes a parish or municipal governing authority to take an action otherwise prohibited by proposed law if the action is approved by the voters at an election held in accordance with the La. Election Code and on a regularly scheduled election date as provided by the code. Authorizes calling an election for this purpose.

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

(Adds R.S. 25:915)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Authorize a parish or municipal governing authority to take an action otherwise prohibited by proposed law if the action is approved by the voters.

### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add requirement that elections be held in accordance with the La. Election Code and on a regularly scheduled election date as provided by the code.