

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 717

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

MUSEUMS: Provides for the membership of certain museum boards

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:373(B), (C), and (D) and 379.1(C) and (D), relative to the
3 Department of State; to provide relative to the Advisory Board of the Old State
4 Capitol; to provide relative to the Regional Museum Governing Board of the
5 Louisiana State Exhibit Museum; to provide relative to board membership,
6 compensation, and terms of board members for both boards; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 25:373(B), (C), and (D) and 379.1(C) and (D) are hereby amended
10 and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §373. Advisory board; appointment; compensation of members; terms

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13 B. The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol shall be composed of the
14 following members, all of whom shall have a knowledge of and interest in art,
15 history, including political history, and cultural restoration. ~~The members of the~~
16 ~~board shall be as follows:~~

17 (1) ~~Two~~ Eleven members shall be appointed by the secretary of state ~~from~~
18 ~~each Public Service Commission district.~~

19 (2) ~~Five~~ members shall be appointed by the secretary of state ~~from the state~~
20 ~~at large.~~

- (5) The state archivist.

Proposed law provides instead that the secretary shall appoint 11 members; removes provisions for nominations and geographic restrictions on such appointments. Retains secretary and state archivist as ex officio members.

Present law provides that board members shall serve without compensation but shall receive their actual expenses incurred in attending any meeting of the board. Proposed law deletes provision for payment of meeting expenses; otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 25:379.1) provides for the creation of the Regional Museum Governing Bd. of the La. State Exhibit Museum within the Dept. of State. Requires that members have a knowledge of and interest in art, history, including political history, and cultural restoration. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the board shall be comprised of the following members:

- (1) 10 members appointed by the secretary of state to serve two-year terms from the following parishes: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster.
- (2) One member appointed by the secretary of state to serve a two-year term from among the members of the La. State Fair Bd.
- (3) 10 members appointed by the secretary of state to serve four-year terms from a list of 15 names submitted by the Friends of the La. State Exhibit Museum and Discovery Center.
- (4) The museum chief administrative officer and the museum director, if any, shall each be an ex officio member.

Proposed law changes the number of members appointed by the secretary from 21 to 11. Removes provisions for nomination and other restrictions on such appointments. Also replaces the museum chief administrative officer and the museum director with the secretary of state or his designee and the state archivist as ex officio members of the board.

Present law provides that each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate. Further provides that those members serving four-year terms shall serve terms concurrent with the governor. Proposed law provides that each appointed member serve a term concurrent with that of the secretary of state; otherwise retains present law.

Authorizes board members serving on the effective date of proposed law to serve for the remainder of their unexpired terms. Requires the secretary of state to appoint members as needed to ensure that board membership is at least that provided by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 25:373(B), (C), and (D) and 379.1(C) and (D))