

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

STATE DEPARTMENT: Creates and provides for the Advisory Board of the La. State Archives within the Dept. of State

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:744(DD) and R.S. 44:428, relative to the Advisory Board of the Louisiana
3 State Archives; to provide for the membership and officers of the board; to provide
4 for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 36:744(DD) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §744. Transfer of boards, commissions, and agencies to the Department of State

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10 DD. The Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives (R.S. 44:428) is
11 placed within the Department of State and shall perform and exercise its powers,
12 duties, functions, and responsibilities in the manner provided for agencies transferred
13 in accordance with R.S. 36:901 et seq.

14 Section 2. R.S. 44:428 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §428. Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

16 A. The Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives is hereby created in
17 the Department of State.

18 B. The Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives shall be composed
19 of the following members:

1 (1) Five members appointed by the secretary of state, one of whom shall be
2 a clerk of court.

3 (2) Two members appointed by the secretary of state from a list of nominees
4 provided by the Friends of the Louisiana State Archives, Inc.

5 (3) The secretary of state or his designee.

6 (4) The state archivist.

7 C.(1) The board shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the secretary of
8 state and at a place determined by the secretary of state.

9 (2) The secretary of state, at any time, may call special meetings of the board.

10 D. The powers and duties of the board shall include but are not limited to
11 advising the secretary of state concerning the following:

12 (1) The operation of the state archives.

13 (2) Raising funds to promote the state archives.

14 (3) Acquisitions by and donations to the state archives.

15 (4) Improving and developing facilities and exhibits at the state archives.

16 (5) Encouraging the cultural and educational enjoyment of the state archives.

17 E. The members of the board shall elect from their membership a chairman
18 and a vice chairman.

19 F. Each appointed member shall:

20 (1) Have a knowledge of and interest in collecting, preserving, maintaining,
21 and making available records and artifacts of Louisiana's history.

22 (2) Serve a term concurrent with that of the secretary of state.

23 (3) Serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

24 G. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled in the manner
25 of the original appointment.

26 H. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

DIGEST

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HB 557 Engrossed

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Abstract: Proposed law creates the Advisory Bd. of the La. State Archives and places it within the Dept. of State. Provides for the membership and officers of the board. Provides for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board, which include advising the secretary of state on operations and activities of the state archives.

(Adds R.S. 36:744(DD) and R.S. 44:428)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add requirement that one of the five members appointed by the secretary of state be a clerk of court.