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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol and the Regional Museum Governing Bd. of the La. State Exhibit Museum.

Present law (R.S. 25:373) provides for the creation of the Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol in the Dept. of State. Further requires that members have a knowledge of and interest in art, history, including political history, and cultural restoration. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that board membership shall be as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the secretary of state from each Public Service Commission district.
- (2) Five members appointed by the secretary of state from the state at large.
- (3) Two members appointed by the secretary of state from a list of five submitted by the president of Southern University.
- (4) The secretary of state or his designee.
- (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))