

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for the creation of the of La. Sexual Assault Task Force within the office of the attorney general to examine issues related to forensic examinations of sexual assault victims and investigation of sexual assault cases. Prior law further required the task force to report its findings and recommendations no later than Dec. 31, 2012.

New law replaces the task force with the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission (the commission) within the office of the attorney general to develop recommendations for a standardized sexual assault collection kit and protocols for forensic medical examinations to be used statewide.

New law provides for the membership of the commission and provides that members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and without compensation.

New law provides that certain expenses may be paid by the commission member's employer or appointing authority.

New law provides that the attorney general shall serve as chairman and the office of the attorney general shall provide staff and administrative services to the commission.

New law requires the commission to meet at least once every three months and requires that a majority of total commission membership constitutes a quorum and requires affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting to take action.

New law requires the commission to continuously review its standards and protocols and make changes as necessary to stay current with technological advancements and best practices.

New law requires the attorney general to promulgate all rules necessary to implement the recommendations of the commission.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 15:555 and 556; adds R.S. 36:706(D))