

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 105

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MILITARY AFFAIRS. Provides for an African-American military service members monument in the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:150.1(C), (D), (E)(2), (F), the introductory paragraph of (G),
3 and the introductory paragraph of (H)(1) and to enact R.S. 49:150.1(I), relative to the
4 State Capitol Complex; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
5 monument honoring African-American service members; to provide for terminology
6 and other technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 49:150.1(C), (D), (E)(2), (F), the introductory paragraph of (G), and
9 the introductory paragraph of (H)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:150.1(I)
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART H. STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX

1 one floor of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the treasurer and
2 the secretary of state. That space leased to members of the press on July 1, 1979, by
3 the Division of Administration **division of administration** shall constitute the press
4 area of the capitol and shall be under the control of the governor; provided however,
5 if renovations require temporary or permanent reassignment of the press to another
6 area of the capitol such reassignment shall be determined and made jointly by the
7 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives **House of Representatives**, and
8 the president of the senate **Senate**.

9 D. The designation of the eight floors as set forth in Subsections B and C of
10 this Section, not including the fourth floor, shall be jointly determined by the
11 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives **House of Representatives**, and
12 the president of the senate **Senate**.

13 E.(1) * * *

14 (2) The time at which such renovation shall begin shall be determined jointly
15 by the President **president** of the Senate, the Speaker **speaker** of the House of
16 Representatives, and the commissioner of administration. The allocation of these
17 areas shall be made by the legislature by joint rule or through the Legislative
18 Budgetary Control Council.

19 F. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Superintendent **of state**
20 buildings **director of the office of state buildings** shall have charge of the
21 management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon
22 courts buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds. In the
23 performance of the duties specified in this Subsection, the Superintendent **director**
24 shall be under the authority and direction of the governor, the speaker of the house
25 of representatives **House of Representatives**, and the president of the senate **Senate**.

26 G. In accordance with R.S. 25:781 through 785 and subject to the joint
27 approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker
28 of the House of Representatives, the Superintendent **of state buildings** **director of the**
29 **office of state buildings** shall:

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H.(1) Subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the superintendent of state buildings **director of the office of state buildings** shall do all of the following:

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I.(1) Subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the director of the office of state buildings shall do all of the following:

(a) Set aside and maintain an appropriate area accessible to the public

on the east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal
Museum known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park for a monument
honoring the service and sacrifices of African-American military service
members and their families throughout the history of the United States of
America, including service in the longest siege in American history at Port
Hudson during the American Civil War, World War I, World War II, the
Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom,
and Operation Iraqi Freedom, among other conflicts.

(b) Plan, implement, and maintain the monument.

(2) The funding source for the initial construction of the monument shall consist solely of private donations, grants, and other nonpublic monies; however, public funds may be used to maintain the monument.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST
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Present law provides for and specifies the allocation and use of space within the state capitol, pentagon courts buildings, and the Old Arsenal Museum, including the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the pentagon courts, and the Old Arsenal Museum. Provides that except as otherwise provided in present law, the superintendent of state buildings will have charge of the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon courts buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds.

Proposed law retains present law and makes a technical change in terminology from the superintendent of state buildings to the director of the office of state buildings.

Present law provides that in the performance of his duties, the superintendent will be under the authority and direction of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate. Further provides that, subject to their joint approval and oversight, the superintendent of state buildings will, among other duties, maintain a memorial honoring law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty and a monument honoring the sacrifices of Gold Star Families.

Proposed law retains present law making the terminology change to "director", and additionally requires, subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the superintendent of state buildings to:

- (1) Set aside and maintain an appropriate area on the east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Museum known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, for a monument honoring the sacrifices of African-American service members.
- (2) Plan, implement, and maintain the monument.

Proposed law specifies that funding sources for the initial construction of the monument will consist solely of private donations, grants, and other nonpublic monies. Provides, however, that public funds may be used to maintain the monument.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:150.1(C), (D), (E)(2),(F), (G)(intro para), (H)(1)(intro para); adds R.S. 49:150.1(I))