

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 476

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

ECONOMIC DEVELOP/DEPT: Places the Department of Economic Development within the office of the lieutenant governor

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:101(A), 102(A), 103, 106(A), and 107(A), relative to the
3 Department of Economic Development; to place the department within the office of
4 the lieutenant governor; to provide relative to the authority of the lieutenant governor
5 with respect to the department; to provide relative the appointment of officers of the
6 department; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 36:101(A), 102(A), 103, 106(A), and 107(A) are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §101. Department of Economic Development; creation; domicile; composition;
11 purposes and functions

12 A. The Department of Economic Development is created and shall be a body
13 corporate with the power to sue and be sued. The domicile of the department shall
14 be in Baton Rouge, and the department is in the office of the lieutenant governor.

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16 §102. Officers of the department; compensation for one office only

17 A. The officers of the department shall be the secretary, if a secretary is
18 appointed, the undersecretary, the deputy secretary if a deputy secretary is appointed,
19 and assistant secretaries, each of whom shall be selected and shall perform functions
20 as provided in this Title.

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1 §103. Secretary of economic development

2 A. There ~~shall~~ may be a secretary of economic development, who shall be
3 appointed by the lieutenant governor with consent of the Senate and who shall serve
4 at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor at a salary fixed by the lieutenant governor,
5 which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the
6 legislature while in session. The secretary shall serve as the executive head and chief
7 administrative officer of the Department of Economic Development and shall have
8 the responsibility for the policies of the department, except as otherwise provided by
9 this Title, and for the administration, control, and operation of the functions,
10 programs, and affairs of the department; ~~provided that~~ the secretary shall perform his
11 functions under the general control and supervision of the lieutenant governor.

12 B. If a secretary is not appointed as provided in Subsection A of this Section,
13 the lieutenant governor shall perform all duties, functions, and responsibilities of the
14 secretary as are provided by law.

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16 §106. Undersecretary; functions; office of management and finance

17 A. There shall be an undersecretary of the Department of Economic
18 Development who shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor with the consent of
19 the Senate and who shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor, at a salary
20 fixed by the lieutenant governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved
21 for such position by the legislature while in session. The undersecretary shall be
22 directly responsible to and shall perform his functions under the supervision and
23 control of the secretary.

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25 §107. Assistant secretaries

26 A. Each office within the Department of Economic Development, except the
27 office of management and finance and the office of entertainment industry
28 development, shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of an assistant
29 secretary. The assistant secretary of each such office shall be appointed by the

