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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Places the La. Dept. of Economic Development (the department) with the office of the lieutenant governor.

Present law creates the department as one of the 20 executive branch departments authorized by the constitution. Provides for the appointment of the secretary, undersecretary, and assistant secretaries by the governor with consent of the Senate. Provides for the powers and duties of these officers.

Proposed law places the department within the office of the lieutenant governor. Authorizes the lieutenant governor to appoint a secretary of the department; provides that if a secretary is not appointed, the lieutenant governor shall exercise the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the secretary.

Proposed law provides that the lieutenant governor shall appoint the undersecretary and the assistant secretaries with consent of the Senate. Retains present law with respect to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of such offices.

Proposed law provides that the secretary, the undersecretary, the deputy secretary, and each assistant secretary of the department in office on the effective date of proposed law shall remain in office and continue to exercise his authority as provided by law until the lieutenant governor takes action pursuant to proposed law to provide otherwise.

(Amends R.S. 36:101(A), 102(A), 103, 106(A), and 107(A))