

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 661

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

HOMELAND SECURITY: Provides that state buildings are not subject to declarations of disaster or emergency declared by parish or municipal officials

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:736(E), relative to state buildings; to exempt state buildings and facilities
3 from locally declared disasters and emergencies; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 29:736(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §736. Exclusion

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8 E. Notwithstanding any provision of the Chapter, no state building or other
9 state immovable property is subject to any rule, procedure, guidance, restriction,
10 prohibition, or limitation that stems from a declaration of a disaster or emergency
11 declared by a parish president, mayor, or other local official.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that state buildings are exempt from limitations associated with a disaster or emergency declared by a local official.

Present law authorizes parish presidents to declare states of emergency or disaster and provides for his authority during such a declaration. Provide similarly regarding the authority of the mayor of a municipality.

Proposed law provides that during a state of emergency or disaster declared by a local official, state buildings and facilities are not subject to any rule, procedure, guidance, restriction, prohibition, or limitation that stems from the declaration.

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

(Adds R.S. 29:736(E))