
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes and provides a procedure for the interment of former governors in a specified area of the grounds in front of the state capitol.

Present law (R.S. 8:655) provides that unless a decedent has otherwise specifically indicated by notarial testament or notarized declaration who has the right to control the disposition of his remains, the prioritized list of persons specified in present law shall be used to who has the right to control the disposition of remains.

Proposed law provides that if a request for interment of a former governor of the state of La. on the grounds of the state capitol is made by a person with a right to control the disposition of remains in accordance with present law and burial space is available, the interment is authorized. Proposed law specifies the area of the front grounds that is available for such interment, specifies the size and type of tombstone, marker, or memorial, and the size of the burial plot.

Proposed law requires all plans for a gubernatorial interment and memorial to be submitted to the division of historic preservation, office of cultural development, Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for review in accordance with present law (R.S. 25:781 et seq.). Provides that if the division deems that the proposed interment and planned memorial is in keeping with the historic character of the state capitol and its grounds, the division shall forward the plans and an approved certificate of appropriateness to the presiding officers of the legislature. Requires the presiding officers to meet with chairs of the governmental affairs committees to determine by majority vote if the interment may proceed.

(Adds R.S. 49:150.3)