
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Governor's Mansion Commission.

Establishment and Purpose

Proposed law provides for the establishment of the Governor's Mansion Commission for the protection and enhancement of the governor's mansion and its contents, furnishings, and grounds.

Jurisdiction

Proposed law provides the commission has jurisdiction over those areas of the governor's mansion which are public including: the first floor of the mansion, the stairwell in the rotunda, the state wing of the second floor of the mansion, and all the grounds in front and on each side of the mansion.

Proposed law provides all other areas are deemed as private.

Membership

Proposed law provides that the membership consists of the following:

- (1) The governor's spouse or designee.
- (2) An appointee of the governor's spouse.
- (3) The Executive Residence Director.
- (4) A member of a former first family.
- (5) Three designees appointed by the governor.

Proposed law provides that appointed members serve staggered five-year terms.

Proposed law provides the spouse or designee serves as chair of the commission.

Proposed law provides the commission may create an executive committee and other advisory and cooperative committees as appointed by the chair.

Proposed law provides that members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed by their respective agencies for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the commission.

Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities

Proposed law prohibits improvement, renovation, redecoration, or enhancements to the public areas without prior approval of the commission and specifically requires the approval of the commission prior to painting, renovations, non-appliance repairs, redecoration, or significant movement of or rearrangement of furniture, artwork, antique pieces, vases, and other items in public areas.

Proposed law provides that the commission assist in the research and promotion of publications regarding the governor's mansion.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to enter into agreements for the loan to the state of any item to be included in the contents and furnishings of the mansion.

Proposed law requires that such items be in the property inventory which is required by present law and requires that items be covered by adequate insurance through the office of risk management to insure proper repair or replacement.

Proposed law requires the commission to participate in the state's risk management program for such coverage.

Proposed law provides for the commission to establish procedures for the inventory of physical assets contained in the governor's mansion and an annual audit, spot-check inventory, and a procedure for turning over the inventory items to the incoming governor's spouse or designee.

Proposed law provides that the commission monitor the public and private areas and grounds for needed maintenance and repairs and requires the office of state buildings and grounds to perform such maintenance and make such repairs in a timely manner after a recommendation by the commission to do so.

Proposed law provides that any maintenance or repair which is estimated to cost more than \$100,000 by the office of state buildings and grounds is subject to legislative budget approval prior to such maintenance or repair.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to enjoin a governor who institutes any improvement, renovation, redecoration, enhancement, painting, repairs, or movement or rearrangement of furniture not approved by the commission.

(Adds R.S. 25:1011-1016 and R.S. 36:4(S))