

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 187 (HB 770)

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St. Blanc

New law creates the La. Governor's Mansion Commission, within the governor's office, for the protection and enhancement of the governor's mansion and its contents, furnishings, and grounds.

New law provides that the commission is comprised as follows:

- (1) If the governor is married, the governor's spouse or the spouse's designee; if the governor is unmarried, the governor or his designee. Such member shall serve as chair of the commission.
- (2) A person appointed by the person serving on the commission pursuant to (1) above.
- (3) The person employed at the governor's mansion in the position known as the executive residence director.
- (4) A member of a former governor's family appointed by the governor.
- (5) Three members appointed by the governor after consultation with staff employed at the governor's mansion.

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

New law authorizes the commission to create an executive committee and other advisory committees.

New law provides that members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses directly related to their service on the commission.

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

New law authorizes the commission to enter into agreements for the loan of items housed in or located on the grounds of the mansion. Requires that items be covered by adequate insurance through the office of risk management to insure proper repair or replacement.

New law requires the commission to establish procedures for the inventory of physical assets contained in the governor's mansion and annual audit, spot-check inventory, and post-audit functions for the protection of all items contained in the inventory.

New law requires the commission to provide a procedure for turning over the inventory items to the incoming governor's spouse or designee.

New law requires the commission to monitor the public and private areas and grounds for needed maintenance and repairs. Requires the office of state buildings and grounds to timely perform maintenance and repairs requested by the commission.

New law authorizes the commission, directly or through a foundation, to solicit, use, and dispose of funds and property.

Effective August 1, 2022

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