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HOUSE BILL NO. 694

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MOORE, NEWELL, STAGNI, AND WILLARD

CULTURE/REC/TOUR: Establishes the Louisiana Music Commission within the  
Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 4-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 25:315 through 317, and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) relative to the Louisiana Music  
4 Commission; to establish the commission within the Department of Culture,  
5 Recreation and Tourism, to provide relative to operating funds and appropriations  
6 by the legislature; to provide relative to donations to the commission; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 4-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
10 comprised of R.S. 25:315 through 317, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 4-A. LOUISIANA MUSIC COMMISSION

12 §315. Louisiana Music Commission; creation; membership

13 A. The Louisiana Music Commission, referred to in this Chapter as the  
14 "commission" is established in the office of cultural development within the  
15 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, referred to in this Chapter as the  
16 "department", and shall be domiciled in the greater Baton Rouge area. The  
17 commission shall be composed of fifteen persons appointed by the lieutenant  
18 governor, at least one of whom shall be a member of a minority, for a term  
19 concurrent with that of the lieutenant governor making the appointment. Each

1 appointment by the lieutenant governor shall be submitted to the Senate for  
2 confirmation. The lieutenant governor shall designate one of the members to serve  
3 as chairman. The members shall elect other officers as they deem necessary for the  
4 efficient operation of the business of the commission. A majority of the commission  
5 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the commission.

6 B. A vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled by  
7 appointment by the lieutenant governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

8 C. Members shall receive no compensation for their services.

9 D. Meetings shall be held upon call of the chairman at such time and place  
10 within the state of Louisiana as he designates in the notice, which he shall give to the  
11 full membership. The commission shall hold not less than two meetings nor more  
12 than fourteen meetings during each calendar year and other special meetings as  
13 necessary. Meetings shall be called by the chairman when requested by three  
14 members of the commission.

15 E. With the consent of the secretary of the Department of Culture,  
16 Recreation and Tourism, the commission may appoint a director to administer the  
17 functions of the commission. The director is subject to the direct supervision of the  
18 secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

19 §316. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

20 A. The department shall include in its annual budget request, required by  
21 R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for support of the commission. The  
22 governor shall include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient  
23 funding for the support of the operations of the commission.

24 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the department for the operation  
25 of the commission shall be used solely for that purpose. No administrative costs of  
26 any kind shall be charged by the department for any services associated with  
27 placement of the commission within the jurisdiction of the department.

28 §317. Donations

