

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 907

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MUSEUMS: Provides for the governance of state museums and the transfer of museums from the Department of State to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:341(A) and (C), 342(A)(1) and (5) and (B)(1) and (3),

3 343(A), 349(A), 371(2), 372(A) and (C)(2), 373, 374(A)(1) and (B), 375, 376,

4 377(A), (B), and (C)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (c), 378, 379(A), 379.1,

5 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1, 380.2(B)(4), 380.3,

6 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22, 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27,

7 380.51(A), 380.52, 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92,

8 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A), 380.152, 380.153(B)(4),

9 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A) and (C)(1) and (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244,

10 1245, and 1246, and R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3), to enact R.S.

11 25:342(B)(4), 347, 347.1, and 347.2 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (18) and (D)(4),

12 (5), and (6), and to repeal R.S. 25:341(D) through (H) and 371(3) and R.S.

13 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), and (F), relative to state museums; to provide relative

14 to the organization of the office of the state museum, including its director and

15 governing board; to provide relative to the appointment of the director; to create

16 regional governing boards and to provide for their powers and duties; to transfer state

17 museums and related boards and commissions from the Department of State to the

18 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide for powers and duties

19 of the lieutenant governor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related

20 matters.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

2 Section 1. R.S. 25:341(A) and (C), 342(A)(1) and (5), and (B)(1) and (3), 343(A),  
3 349(A), 371(2), 372(A) and (C)(2), 373, 374(A)(1) and (B), 375, 376, 377(A), (B), and  
4 (C)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (c), 378, 379(A), 379.1, 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4,  
5 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1, 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22,  
6 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27, 380.51(A), 380.52, 380.53(B)(4), 380.54,  
7 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92, 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97,  
8 380.151(A), 380.152, 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A) and (C)(1) and  
9 (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244, 1245, and 1246 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 25:342(B)(4), 347, 347.1, and 347.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §341. Establishment and location; purpose; oversight board ~~of directors~~;  
12 appointment; compensation of members; terms; oaths

13 A. The Louisiana State Museum is established as a complex of facilities ~~in~~  
14 ~~the cities of Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Patterson, Thibodaux, and~~  
15 ~~Winnfield~~ under the management and supervision of the office of the state museum  
16 of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

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18 C.(1) The Oversight Board ~~of Directors~~ of the Louisiana State Museum,  
19 ~~hereinafter~~ hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the board, is hereby created in the  
20 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

21 (2) The board is comprised of the following members:

22 (a) The governor, or his designee.

23 (b) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.

24 (c) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or  
25 his designee.

26 (d) The secretary of state, or his designee.

27 (e) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

28 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

1 (g) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three  
2 names submitted by the region 1 board.

3 (h) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three  
4 names submitted by the region 2 board.

5 (i) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three  
6 names submitted by the region 3 board.

7 (3) The name of each board member representing a regional board shall be  
8 submitted to the Senate for confirmation, and each such member shall serve at the  
9 pleasure of the appointing authority.

10 (4) A vacancy from among the board members representing a regional board  
11 shall be filled in the manner of original appointment.

12 (5) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

13 (6) Each member of the board shall take and subscribe to the oath of office  
14 required of state officials.

15 §342. Domicile; powers and duties of the office of the state museum and the board;  
16 buildings and properties administered

17 A.(1) The board ~~of directors~~ shall meet ~~once each quarter~~ twice annually,  
18 unless additional meetings are called by ~~the lieutenant governor, the secretary of the~~  
19 ~~Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism~~, the chairman of the board; or a  
20 quorum of the board.

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22 (5) The board shall ~~assist the secretary and assistant secretary in establishing~~  
23 ~~fiscal policies, including but not limited to operational budgets and financial controls~~  
24 ~~over existing and new projects~~ provide advice and counsel on all matters related to  
25 the policies, programming, operations, and funding of the Louisiana State Museum.

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27 B.(1) The domicile of the board shall be the city of ~~New Orleans~~ Baton  
28 Rouge, provided that the office of the state museum may establish additional offices

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 within such museum facilities as it may deem advisable, after consultation with the  
2 board.

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4 (3) The office of the state museum, ~~subject to the provisions of R.S. 36:909,~~  
5 shall have custody of and shall administer, manage, operate, maintain, and preserve  
6 all of the following:

7 (a) The buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State  
8 Museum complex located in the city of New Orleans, including but not limited to the  
9 Cabildo, the Presbytere, the Lower Pontalba Building, the Jackson House, the Creole  
10 House, the Arsenal, Madame John's Legacy, the 1850 House, the Louisiana Civil  
11 Rights Museum, and the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old United States Mint  
12 in New Orleans.

13 (b) The Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum  
14 in Patterson.

15 (c) The Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

16 (d) ~~The Louisiana Forestry Museum~~ The museum storage and curation  
17 facility.

18 (e) The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History  
19 Museum.

20 (f) ~~The Winn Parish Museum.~~

21 ~~(g)~~ The Edward Douglass White Historic Site.

22 ~~(h)~~ (g) The Natchitoches Parish Old Courthouse Capitol Park Museum.

23 (h) The Old State Capitol.

24 (i) The Old Governor's Mansion, subject to the provisions of R.S. 49:141.

25 (j) The Louisiana Delta Music Museum.

26 (k) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum.

27 (l) The Louisiana State Cotton Museum.

28 (m) The Germantown Colony Museum.

29 (n) The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.

1           (o) The Mansfield Female College Museum.

2           (p) The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.

3           ~~(i) (q)~~ Other museums, buildings, historic sites, and facilities hereafter  
4 established under jurisdiction of the office.

5           (4) The office of the state museum may organize the properties and functions  
6 of the state museum into regional groups for purposes of management and  
7 administration.

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9           §343. Museum director; appointment; powers and duties

10           A. The museum director shall be appointed by the ~~lieutenant governor from~~  
11 ~~a list of three candidates nominated by a search committee appointed by the board.~~

12 The lieutenant governor shall make the appointment no later than sixty days after  
13 receiving the list of candidates from the search committee. The board shall establish  
14 criteria for the position of director that include but are not limited to possession of  
15 a master's degree in Museum Science, or a related field, and shall provide clear  
16 evidence of successful performance as a skilled professional.

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18           §347. Region 1 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;  
19 appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties and  
20 responsibilities

21           A.(1) There is hereby created the Region 1 Board of the Louisiana State  
22 Museum. The term "board" in this Section refers to the region 1 board.

23           (2) The board shall consist of nine members appointed by the lieutenant  
24 governor as follows:

25           (a) Three members appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the  
26 Friends of the Cabildo.

27           (b) Three members appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the  
28 Louisiana Museum Foundation.

1           (c) One member appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Historic  
2           New Orleans Collection.

3           (d) Two members appointed at large.

4           (3) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three  
5           names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.

6           (4) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original  
7           appointment.

8           (5) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor  
9           without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

10           B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-day  
11           operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive director  
12           shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications of the executive director  
13           shall be established by the board.

14           C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman or  
15           a quorum of the board.

16           D. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
17           official business. All official actions of the board require the affirmative vote of a  
18           majority of the members present and voting.

19           §347.1. Region 2 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;  
20           appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties and  
21           responsibilities

22           A.(1) There is hereby created the Region 2 Board of the Louisiana State  
23           Museum. The term "board" in this Section refers to the region 2 board.

24           (2) The board shall consist of nine members appointed as follows:

25           (a) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
26           nominees submitted by the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation or the Wedell-  
27           Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in Patterson.

28           (b) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
29           nominees submitted by the Louisiana State Museum Friends, Inc.

1           (c) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
2           nominees submitted by Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site.

3           (d) One member shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
4           nominees submitted by the Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol.

5           (e) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
6           nominees submitted by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.

7           (f) Two at-large members appointed by the secretary of state.

8           (g) Two at-large members appointed by the lieutenant governor.

9           (3) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three  
10          names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.

11          (4) Each member appointed at-large shall have knowledge of and an interest  
12          in art, history, cultural restoration, marketing, law, historic preservation, museum  
13          sciences, finance, accounting, business administration, fundraising for nonprofits,  
14          facility management, community or consumer advocacy, or another relevant  
15          discipline.

16          (5) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original  
17          appointment.

18          (6) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority  
19          without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

20          B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-day  
21          operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive director  
22          shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications of the executive director  
23          shall be established by the board.

24          C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman or  
25          a quorum of the board.

26          D. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
27          official business. All official actions of the board require the affirmative vote of a  
28          majority of the members present and voting.

1       §347.2. Region 3 Board of the Louisiana State Museum; creation; membership;  
2               appointment; compensation; terms; meetings; quorum; vacancies; duties and  
3               responsibilities

4               A.(1) There is hereby created the Region 3 Board of the Louisiana State  
5               Museum. The term "board" in this Section refers to the region 3 board.

6               (2) The board shall consist of nine members appointed as follows:

7               (a) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
8               nominees submitted by the Regional Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit  
9               Museum.

10              (b) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
11              nominees submitted by governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum.

12              (c) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
13              nominees submitted by the Mansfield Female College Museum.

14              (d) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
15              nominees submitted by the governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum.

16              (e) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of  
17              nominees submitted by the governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum.

18              (f) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of nominees  
19              submitted by the governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.

20              (g) Two members appointed at-large by the lieutenant governor.

21              (h) One member appointed at-large by the secretary of state.

22              (3) Each nominating entity shall submit to the lieutenant governor three  
23              names for each position for which it submits a list of nominees.

24              (4) Each member appointed at-large shall have a knowledge of and interest  
25              in art, history, cultural restoration, marketing, law, historic preservation, museum  
26              sciences, finance, accounting, business administration, fundraising for nonprofits,  
27              facility management, community or consumer advocacy, or another relevant  
28              discipline.



1           (5) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner of original  
2           appointment.

3           (6) Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority  
4           without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

5           B. The board shall employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-day  
6           operations of the museums under the board's jurisdiction. The executive director  
7           shall be in the unclassified state service. The qualifications and salary of the  
8           executive director shall be established by the board.

9           C. The board shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chairman or a  
10          quorum of the board.

11          D. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
12          official business. All official actions of the board require the affirmative vote of a  
13          majority of the members present and voting.

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15       §349. Commercial leases; New Orleans French Quarter

16           A. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, and in particular  
17       the provisions of R.S. 41:1212, the board ~~of directors of the Louisiana State Museum~~  
18       is authorized to lease, for any purposes other than oil, gas, or other mineral  
19       development, commercial space within or on the properties located in the New  
20       Orleans French Quarter of which the board has title to or custody or possession,  
21       without advertising for and receiving public bids for such leases, provided that such  
22       leases are negotiated for and executed according to the terms and conditions  
23       contained in this Section.

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25       §371. Definitions

26           For purposes of this Chapter the following terms shall have the meaning  
27       indicated unless the context clearly provides otherwise:

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1 (2) "Department" shall mean the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation  
2 and Tourism.

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4 §372. Establishment and location; purpose and use

5 A. The Old State Capitol is established as a facility in the city of Baton  
6 Rouge under the overall jurisdiction of the ~~Department of State~~ department, as more  
7 specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and in R.S. 36:919~~.

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9 C.

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11 (2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be housed within the Old State  
12 Capitol. In addition to any other space allocated to the Department of Veterans'  
13 Affairs in the Old State Capitol, the basement of the Old State Capitol is hereby  
14 dedicated for use as offices for veterans' organizations and the Department of  
15 Veterans' Affairs. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall allocate and provide  
16 sufficient office space within the Old State Capitol to each federally chartered  
17 veterans' organization without cost or charge.

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19 §373. Advisory board; appointment; compensation of members; terms

20 A. The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol is hereby created in the  
21 ~~Department of State~~ department.

22 B. The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol shall be composed of the  
23 following members, all of whom shall have a knowledge of and interest in art,  
24 history, including political history, and cultural restoration:

25 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
26 governor.

27 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
28 a member.

29 (3) The state archivist shall serve as a member.

1 C. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
2 a term concurrent with that of the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor. Each  
3 member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

4 D. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

5 §374. Domicile; powers and duties of the board

6 A.(1) The board shall meet at least three times a year, unless additional  
7 meetings are called by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor.

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9 B. The board shall advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all  
10 matters relating to the operations of the Old State Capitol and shall have such other  
11 functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter ~~and R.S. 36:919~~.

12 §375. Old State Capitol, administration; ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor,  
13 powers and functions

14 A. The Old State Capitol shall cooperate with Louisiana schools and  
15 institutions of higher learning in the teaching of Louisiana history and culture.

16 B. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall establish policies, rules, and  
17 regulations for the Old State Capitol in accordance with the Administrative  
18 Procedure Act.

19 C. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall have custody of and shall  
20 administer, manage, operate, maintain, and preserve the building, collections, and  
21 exhibitions of the Old State Capitol located in the city of Baton Rouge.

22 D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and in particular the  
23 provisions of R.S. 41:1212, the ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor may enter into  
24 contracts and agreements with any public agency or nonprofit corporation which has  
25 been established for the primary purpose of supporting the programs and activities  
26 of the Old State Capitol, including the Old State Capitol Associates, for the  
27 establishment of offices, stores, or exhibits on the property of and in the Old State  
28 Capitol. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor may also enter into contracts and  
29 agreements for joint construction, equipment, maintenance, and financing thereof,

1 and may enter into contracts and agreements for the joint financing, supervision, and  
2 conduct of cooperative enterprises and undertakings. Any public agency may enter  
3 into contracts and agreements with the secretary for the purposes mentioned in this  
4 Subsection.

5 E. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall perform and exercise all powers,  
6 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Old State Capitol Memorial  
7 Commission, which commission was abolished and its functions transferred to the  
8 secretary of the Department of State by the Executive Reorganization Act.

9 §376. Operating funds

10 A. The legislature shall provide sufficient funds for the proper operation of  
11 the Old State Capitol.

12 B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Old State Capitol  
13 are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public, or private  
14 sources are not available for this purpose, the ~~Department of State~~ department is  
15 authorized to temporarily close the Old State Capitol to the public until such time as  
16 sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Old State Capitol are appropriated  
17 by the legislature. The ~~Department of State~~ department shall maintain the Old State  
18 Capitol during any period of temporary closure.

19 (2) The ~~Department of State~~ department may accept and use, in accordance  
20 with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or funds from any public  
21 or private source to support the operations of the Old State Capitol.

22 §377. Donations and loans; disposition of abandoned loans

23 A. The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor and the board, jointly or  
24 separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations, and  
25 contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property on  
26 behalf of and as additions to the Old State Capitol either in the form of loans or in  
27 the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the ~~secretary~~ lieutenant  
28 governor may acquire them by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms,  
29 conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument by which such property is

1           acquired. However, the ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall be empowered and  
 2           authorized to enter into any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that  
 3           he may deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings,  
 4           monies, relics, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Old  
 5           State Capitol. The Old State Capitol is specifically empowered to serve as the  
 6           beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose  
 7           pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 through 9:2347.

8                   B. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor is granted the authority of deaccession  
 9           with respect to any collections of the Old State Capitol and for such purpose is  
 10          specifically exempted from the laws of the state relative to the sale or disposal of  
 11          surplus property. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall establish policies and  
 12          procedures necessary to carry out this authority in an orderly manner.

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15                   (2) At least once a week for two consecutive weeks, the ~~secretary~~ lieutenant  
 16          governor shall publish in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the parish  
 17          a notice and listing of the property. The notice shall contain:

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19                   (c) A statement that if proof of claim is not presented by the owner to the  
 20          ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor and if the owner's right to receive such property is not  
 21          established to the satisfaction of the secretary within sixty-five days from the date  
 22          of the second published notice, the property will be deemed to be abandoned and  
 23          shall become the property of the Old State Capitol.

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25          §378. Use of collections

26                   The collections of the Old State Capitol may be lent in part subject to  
 27          approval by the secretary. The ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor shall insure proper  
 28          safeguards for their maintenance and return and shall insure that proper records are

1 kept. The collections shall be available for the use of educational projects, subject  
2 to the approval of the ~~secretary~~ lieutenant governor.

3 §379. Establishment and location; purpose and use

4 A. The facility known prior to June 6, 1991, as the Louisiana State Museum-  
5 Shreveport is hereby renamed the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. The Louisiana  
6 State Exhibit Museum is established as a facility in the city of Shreveport under the  
7 overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism, as  
8 more specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and in R.S. 36:744(F)~~.

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10 §379.1. Regional museum governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and  
11 compensation of members

12 A. The Regional Museum Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit  
13 Museum is hereby created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and  
14 Tourism.

15 B. The domicile of the board shall be the city of Shreveport.

16 C. The board shall be composed of the following members, all of whom shall  
17 have a knowledge of, and an interest in, art, history, including political history, and  
18 cultural restoration:

19 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
20 governor.

21 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
22 a member.

23 (3) The state archivist shall serve as a member.

24 D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
25 a term concurrent with that of the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor. Each  
26 member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

27 E. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

28 §379.2. Duties and powers of the board

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1 B. The board shall:

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3 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
4 to the operations of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and shall have such other  
5 functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter ~~and R.S. 36:744(F)~~.

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7 §379.3. The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, administration; Department of ~~State~~  
8 Culture, Recreation and Tourism, powers and functions

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10 B. The board shall have custody of, and, together with the Department of  
11 ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism, shall administer, manage, operate, maintain,  
12 and preserve the buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State Exhibit  
13 Museum located in the city of Shreveport including, but not limited to, the museum.

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15 §379.4. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

16 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall include  
17 in its annual budget request submission, as required by R.S. 39:32, a request for  
18 funds necessary for support of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. The governor  
19 shall include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding  
20 for the support of operations of the museum.

21 B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana State  
22 Exhibit Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,  
23 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~  
24 Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum to  
25 the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the  
26 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
27 Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary  
28 closure.

1           (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
2 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
3 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

4 §379.5. Donations and loans; disposition of property

5           A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
6 jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,  
7 and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property  
8 on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum either in the  
9 form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the  
10 Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase,  
11 lease or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the  
12 instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into  
13 any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper,  
14 and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of  
15 art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Exhibit  
16 Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore  
17 or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

18   \*       \*       \*

19 §379.7. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

20           The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
21 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
22 Procedure Act.

23 §380. Establishment and location; purpose and use

24           A. The Louisiana State Cotton Museum is established as a facility in the  
25 parish of East Carroll under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~  
26 Culture, Recreation and Tourism, as more specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and~~  
27 ~~in R.S. 36:744(F).~~

28   \*       \*       \*



1 §380.1. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of  
2 members

3 A. The governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum is hereby  
4 created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

5 B. The domicile of the board shall be in the parish of East Carroll.

6 C.(1) The board shall be composed of members who all have a knowledge  
7 of and an interest in cotton and cotton production.

8 (2) The board shall be composed of the following members:

9 (a) Five members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
10 governor from a list of ten names submitted and nominated by the legislative  
11 delegation from the parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin,  
12 Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Tensas, Caldwell, and Concordia from an area  
13 composed of the following parishes: East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin,  
14 Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Tensas, Caldwell, and Concordia.

15 (b) Six members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
16 governor from a list of ten names submitted and nominated by the Friends of the  
17 Louisiana State Cotton Museum.

18 (c) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
19 a member.

20 (d) The museum chief administrative officer and the museum director, if any,  
21 shall each be an ex officio member of the board.

22 D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
23 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor. Each member shall  
24 serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

25 §380.2. Duties and powers of the board

26 \* \* \*

27 B. The board shall:

28 \* \* \*

1           (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
2 to the operations of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum and shall have such other  
3 functions as are otherwise provided in this Chapter ~~and R.S. 36:744(F)~~.

4   \*       \*       \*

5           §380.3. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

6           A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall include  
7 in its annual budget request submission as required by R.S. 39:32 a request for funds  
8 necessary for support of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum. The governor shall  
9 include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the  
10 support of operations of the museum.

11           B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
12 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum shall  
13 be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by  
14 the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs of any kind  
15 shall be charged by the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism for any  
16 services associated with placement of the museum within the jurisdiction of that  
17 office.

18           C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana Cotton  
19 Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local, public,  
20 or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
21 Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum to the public  
22 until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the museum are  
23 appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and  
24 Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary closure.

25           (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
26 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
27 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

28           §380.4. Donations and loans; disposition of property

1           A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
2 jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,  
3 and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property  
4 on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Cotton Museum either in the  
5 form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the  
6 Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase,  
7 lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the  
8 instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into  
9 any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper,  
10 and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of  
11 art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Cotton  
12 Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore  
13 or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

\* \* \*

15 §380.6. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

16           The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
17 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
18 Procedure Act.

\* \* \*

20 §380.21. Establishment and location; purpose and use

21           A. The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum is established as a facility in  
22 the parish of Caddo under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
23 Recreation and Tourism as more specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and in R.S.~~  
24 ~~36:744(F).~~

\* \* \*

26 §380.22. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of  
27 members

28           A. The governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum is  
29 hereby created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

1 B. The domicile of the board shall be in the parish of Caddo.

2 C.(1) The board shall be composed of members who all have a knowledge  
3 of and an interest in oil and oil production.

4 (2) The board shall be composed of the following members:

5 (a) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
6 governor from a list of fifteen names submitted by the Caddo Pine Island Oil and  
7 Historical Society.

8 (b) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
9 a member.

10 (c) The museum director and the museum chief administrative officer, if any,  
11 shall each be an ex officio member of the board.

12 D. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
13 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor. Each member shall  
14 serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

15 E. Members of the board, including the advisors to the board, shall serve  
16 without compensation.

17 §380.23. Duties and powers of the board

18 \* \* \*

19 B. The board shall:

20 \* \* \*

21 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
22 to the operations of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.

23 \* \* \*

24 §380.24. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

25 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall include  
26 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for  
27 support of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum. The governor shall include in  
28 the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support  
29 of operations of the museum.

1 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of State Culture,  
2 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum  
3 shall be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan  
4 developed by the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs  
5 of any kind shall be charged by the Department of State Culture, Recreation and  
6 Tourism for any services associated with placement of the museum within the  
7 jurisdiction of the department.

8 §380.25. Donations and loans; disposition of property

9 A. The Department of State Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
10 jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,  
11 and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of art, or other property  
12 on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum either in  
13 the form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the  
14 Department of State Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase,  
15 lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the  
16 instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into  
17 any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper,  
18 and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, relics, works of  
19 art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Louisiana State Oil and Gas  
20 Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of any public trust heretofore  
21 or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

22 \* \* \*

23 §380.27. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

24 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
25 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
26 Procedure Act.

27 \* \* \*

28 §380.51. Establishment and location; purpose and use

1           A. The Louisiana Delta Music Museum is established as a facility in the  
2 town of Ferriday, parish of Concordia, under the overall jurisdiction of the  
3 Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism as more specifically provided  
4 in this Chapter ~~and in R.S. 36:744(F)~~.

5   \*       \*       \*

6           §380.52. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of  
7 members

8           A. The governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum is hereby  
9 created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

10          B. The domicile of the board shall be in the parish of Concordia.

11          C. The board shall be comprised of the following members:

12           (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
13 governor having a knowledge of and an interest in music of the Louisiana Delta.  
14 They shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor from an area  
15 composed of the following parishes: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll,  
16 Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll.

17           (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
18 a member.

19           (3) The museum chief administrative officer and the museum director, if any,  
20 shall each be ex officio members of the board.

21          D. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

22          E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
23 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor.

24          F. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

25           §380.53. Duties and powers of the board

26   \*       \*       \*

27          B. The board shall:

28   \*       \*       \*

1 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
2 to the operations of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum.

3 \* \* \*

4 §380.54. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

5 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation, and Tourism shall include  
6 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for  
7 support of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum. The governor shall include in the  
8 executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of  
9 operations of the museum.

10 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
11 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum shall  
12 be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by  
13 the board. No administrative costs of any kind shall be charged by the Department  
14 of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism for any services associated with placement  
15 of the museum within the jurisdiction of the department.

16 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Louisiana Delta  
17 Music Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,  
18 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~  
19 Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum to  
20 the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the  
21 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
22 Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary  
23 closure.

24 (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
25 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
26 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

27 §380.55. Donations and loans; disposition of property

28 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
29 jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,

1 and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and video  
 2 recordings, motion picture films, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as  
 3 additions to the Louisiana Delta Music Museum either in the form of loans or in the  
 4 form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
 5 Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject  
 6 to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument by which such  
 7 property is acquired. However, the board may enter into any and all contracts with  
 8 any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and  
 9 receive such lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and video recordings,  
 10 motion picture films, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to  
 11 the Louisiana Delta Music Museum. The museum may serve as the beneficiary of  
 12 any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose pursuant to the  
 13 provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

14 \* \* \*

15 §380.57. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

16 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
 17 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
 18 Procedure Act.

19 \* \* \*

20 §380.91. Establishment and location; purpose and use

21 A. The Mansfield Female College Museum is established as a facility in the  
 22 town of Mansfield, parish of DeSoto, under the overall jurisdiction of the  
 23 Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism as more specifically provided  
 24 in this Chapter ~~and in R.S. 36:744(F)~~.

25 \* \* \*

26 §380.92. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of  
 27 members

28 A. The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum is hereby  
 29 created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism.



1 B. The domicile of the board shall be in the parish of DeSoto.

2 C. The board shall be comprised of the following members who have a  
3 knowledge of and an interest in the history of women's education in northwest  
4 Louisiana and the DeSoto Parish area in particular and who shall be appointed as  
5 follows:

6 (1) Five members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
7 governor from a list of nominees provided by the Friends of the Mansfield Female  
8 College Museum.

9 (2) Six members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
10 governor.

11 (3) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
12 a member.

13 D. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

14 E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
15 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor.

16 F. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

17 §380.93. Duties and powers of the board

18 \* \* \*

19 B. The board shall:

20 \* \* \*

21 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
22 to the operations of the Mansfield Female College Museum.

23 \* \* \*

24 §380.94. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

25 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall include  
26 in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds necessary for  
27 support of the Mansfield Female College Museum. The governor shall include in the  
28 executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the support of  
29 operations of the museum.

1           B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
2           Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Mansfield Female College Museum  
3           shall be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan  
4           developed by the board to maintain accreditation standards. No administrative costs  
5           of any kind shall be charged by the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and  
6           Tourism for any services associated with placement of the museum within the  
7           jurisdiction of the department.

8           C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Mansfield Female  
9           College Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,  
10          public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~  
11          Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum to  
12          the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the  
13          museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
14          Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary  
15          closure.

16          (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
17          and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
18          funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

19          §380.95. Donations and loans; disposition of property

20          A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
21          jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,  
22          and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and video  
23          recordings, motion picture film, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as  
24          additions to the Mansfield Female College Museum either in the form of loans or in  
25          the form of donations inter vivos or mortis causa, and the Department of ~~State~~  
26          Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire them by purchase, lease, or otherwise,  
27          subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations contained in the instrument by which  
28          such property is acquired. However, the board may enter into any and all contracts  
29          with any person, lender, or donor that it may deem fit, proper, and necessary to

1 accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, audio and video  
2 recordings, motion picture film, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as  
3 additions to the Mansfield Female College Museum. The museum may serve as the  
4 beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose  
5 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

6 \* \* \*

7 §380.97. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

8 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
9 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
10 Procedure Act.

11 \* \* \*

12 §380.151. Establishment and location; purpose and use

13 A. The Germantown Colony Museum is established as a facility in the parish  
14 of Webster, under the overall jurisdiction of the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
15 Recreation and Tourism as more specifically provided in this Chapter ~~and in R.S.~~  
16 ~~36:744(F).~~

17 \* \* \*

18 §380.152. Governing board; creation; domicile; appointment and compensation of  
19 members

20 A. The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum is hereby  
21 created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

22 B. The domicile of the board shall be in the parish of Webster.

23 C. The board shall be comprised of the following members:

24 (1) Eleven members who have a knowledge of and an interest in the  
25 purposes of the museum shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
26 governor.

27 (2) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee shall serve as  
28 a member of the board.

29 D. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

1 E. Each appointed member shall be confirmed by the Senate and shall serve  
2 a term concurrent with the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor.

3 F. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

4 §380.153. Duties and powers of the board

5 \* \* \*

6 B. The board shall:

7 \* \* \*

8 (4) Advise the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters relating  
9 to the operations of the Germantown Colony Museum.

10 \* \* \*

11 §380.154. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

12 A.(1) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall  
13 include in its annual budget request, required by R.S. 39:32, a request for funds  
14 necessary for support of the Germantown Colony Museum. The governor shall  
15 include in the executive budget submitted to the legislature sufficient funding for the  
16 support of operations of the museum.

17 (2) The board, with the approval of the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor,  
18 shall employ, appoint, remove, and fix the term, compensation, and responsibilities  
19 of a museum chief administrative officer and a museum director. The museum  
20 director may also serve as the museum chief administrative officer.

21 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
22 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Germantown Colony Museum shall be  
23 used solely for that purpose. No administrative costs of any kind shall be charged  
24 by the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism for any services  
25 associated with placement of the museum within the jurisdiction of the department.

26 C.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Germantown  
27 Colony Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other local,  
28 public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of ~~State~~  
29 Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum to

1 the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the  
2 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
3 Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary  
4 closure.

5 (2) The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
6 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
7 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

8 §380.155. Donations and loans; disposition of property

9 A. The Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the board,  
10 jointly or separately, may solicit and accept funds, governmental grants, donations,  
11 and contributions of lands, buildings, monies, artifacts, relics, video recordings,  
12 motion picture films, books and papers, pictures and photographs, documents, works  
13 of art, or other property on behalf of and as additions to the Germantown Colony  
14 Museum either in the form of loans or in the form of donations inter vivos or mortis  
15 causa, and the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and Tourism may acquire  
16 them by purchase, lease, or otherwise, subject to the terms, conditions, or limitations  
17 contained in the instrument by which such property is acquired. However, the board  
18 may enter into any and all contracts with any person, lender, or donor that it may  
19 deem fit, proper, and necessary to accept and receive such lands, buildings, monies,  
20 artifacts, relics, video recordings, motion picture films, books and papers, pictures  
21 and photographs, documents, works of art, or other property on behalf of and as  
22 additions to the Germantown Colony Museum. The museum may serve as the  
23 beneficiary of any public trust heretofore or hereafter created for such purpose  
24 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 9:2341 et seq.

25 \* \* \*

26 §380.157. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

27 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor may adopt policies, rules, and  
28 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
29 Procedure Act.

1 \* \* \*

2 §1242. Creation; domicile; membership

3 A. The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission, hereinafter referred to as  
4 "commission", is hereby created in the Department of ~~State~~ Culture, Recreation and  
5 Tourism.

6 \* \* \*

7 C. The commission shall include the following members:

8 (1) Seven members shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant  
9 governor, subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate, to serve four-year terms  
10 concurrent with the governor.

11 (2) The following shall also be members of the commission:

12 \* \* \*

13 (h) The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor or his designee.

14 \* \* \*

15 §1243. Powers and duties of the commission

16 \* \* \*

17 B. The commission shall:

18 \* \* \*

19 (3) Advise the ~~secretary of the state~~ lieutenant governor on all matters  
20 relating to the operations of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.

21 \* \* \*

22 §1244. Donations and grants

23 The ~~secretary of the state~~ lieutenant governor and the commission, jointly or  
24 separately, may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of any private or public funds in the  
25 form of donations of money, grants, property, or personal services from individuals,  
26 corporations, and governments to achieve the purposes of this Chapter.

27 §1245. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

28 A. Funds appropriated by the legislature to the Department of ~~State~~ Culture,  
29 Recreation and Tourism for operation of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum shall be

1 used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by the  
2 commission.

3 B.(1) If sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the Eddie G.  
4 Robinson Museum are not appropriated by the legislature, and funds from other  
5 local, public, or private sources are not available for this purpose, the Department of  
6 State Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to temporarily close the museum  
7 to the public until such time as sufficient funds necessary for the operation of the  
8 museum are appropriated by the legislature. The Department of State Culture,  
9 Recreation and Tourism shall maintain the museum during any period of temporary  
10 closure.

11 (2) The Department of State Culture, Recreation and Tourism may accept  
12 and use, in accordance with law, gifts, grants, bequests, donations, endowments, or  
13 funds from any public or private source to support the operations of the museum.

14 §1246. ~~Secretary of state~~ Lieutenant governor; rules and regulations

15 The ~~secretary of state~~ lieutenant governor shall establish policies, rules, and  
16 regulations for the operation of the museum in accordance with the Administrative  
17 Procedure Act.

18 Section 2. R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3) are hereby amended and  
19 reenacted and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (18) and (D)(4), (5), and (6) are hereby enacted  
20 to read as follows:

21 §207. Assistant secretaries

22 A.(1) Each office within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism,  
23 except the office of management and finance, shall be under the immediate  
24 supervision and direction of an assistant secretary. The assistant secretary of each  
25 office, except the office of the state library and the office of the state museum shall  
26 be appointed by the lieutenant governor with the consent of the Senate and shall  
27 serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor. Each assistant secretary shall be  
28 paid a salary which shall be fixed by the lieutenant governor, which salary shall not  
29 exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session.

1           (2) The state librarian shall serve as the assistant secretary for the office of  
2 the state library and the director of the Louisiana State Museum shall serve as the  
3 assistant secretary for the office of the state museum. The state librarian shall be  
4 selected and serve as otherwise provided by law. The director of the Louisiana State  
5 Museum shall be appointed by the ~~lieutenant-governor~~ Oversight Board of the  
6 Louisiana State Museum. Both the state librarian and the director of the Louisiana  
7 State Museum shall be appointed with consent of the Senate.

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9       §209. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department  
10 of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

11           A. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the  
12 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in accordance with the provisions  
13 of R.S. 36:901 et seq. except as otherwise provided by this Subsection:

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15           (3) The Oversight Board ~~of Directors~~ of the Louisiana State Museum (R.S.  
16 25:341 et seq.). The board shall continue to exercise those powers, duties, and  
17 functions with respect to accessions, deaccessions, loans, and conservation of the  
18 buildings, collections, and exhibitions of the Louisiana State Museum which it is  
19 authorized by law to exercise, all in accordance with professional museum practices  
20 as established by the American Association of Museums, except as otherwise  
21 provided by law; and the members of the board shall continue to serve as trustees for  
22 the William Irby Trust.

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- 24           (11) The Advisory Board of the Old State Capitol (R.S. 25:371 et seq.).
- 25           (12) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission (R.S. 25:1241 et seq.).
- 26           (13) The governing board of the Louisiana Delta Music Museum (R.S.  
27 25:380.51 et seq.).
- 28           (14) The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum (R.S.  
29 25:380.91 et seq.).



1           (15) The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum (R.S.  
2           24:380.151 et seq.).

3           (16) The Regional Museum Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit  
4           Museum (R.S. 25:379 et seq.).

5           (17) The governing board of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum (R.S.  
6           25:380 et seq.).

7           (18) The governing board of the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum (R.S.  
8           25:380.21 et seq.).

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10           D. The following agencies are hereby placed within the Department of  
11           Culture, Recreation and Tourism and shall exercise and perform their powers, duties,  
12           functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 36:802:

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14           (4) The Region 1 Board of the Louisiana State Museum (R.S. 25:347).

15           (5) The Region 2 Board of the Louisiana State Museum (R.S. 25:347.1).

16           (6) The Region 3 Board of the Louisiana State Museum (R.S. 25:347.2).

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18           Section 3. R.S. 25:341(D) through (H) and 371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3),  
19           (D)(2), and (F) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

20           Section 4. Any legal proceeding, as defined in R.S. 36:924, to which any museum  
21           and its respective board, if applicable, within the Department of State the statutory  
22           provisions for which are amended or repealed by this Act, is a party and which is filed,  
23           initiated, or otherwise pending before any court on the effective date of this Act and all  
24           documents involved in or affected by said legal proceeding, shall retain their effectiveness  
25           and shall be continued in the name of the former agency. All further legal proceedings and  
26           documents in the continuation, disposition, and enforcement of said legal proceedings shall  
27           be in the name of the original party museum and its respective board, if applicable, and the  
28           Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall be substituted for the original party  
29           museum and its respective board, if applicable, without the necessity for amendment of any

1 document to substitute the name of the department or the name or title of any office, official,  
2 employee, or other agent or representative of the department. For purposes of this Section,  
3 "document" shall be defined as provided in R.S. 36:924.

4 Section 5. This Act is in no way and is to no extent intended to, nor shall it be  
5 construed in any manner which will impair the contractual or other obligations of any  
6 museums and their respective boards, if applicable, the provisions for which are enacted,  
7 amended, or repealed by this Act. It is hereby specifically provided that all obligations of  
8 any such museum and its respective board, if applicable, hereafter shall be deemed to be the  
9 obligations of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the same extent as if  
10 originally made by it. In like manner and in order to prevent any violation of the provisions,  
11 terms, or conditions of any gift, donation, deed, will, trust, or other instrument or disposition  
12 by which property of any kind has been vested in any such museum and its respective board,  
13 if applicable, from the purposes for which such property was thus vested in any such  
14 museum and its board, if applicable, it is hereby specifically provided that each such  
15 instrument or disposition hereafter shall be deemed to have been vested in the Department  
16 of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in the same manner and to the same extent as if  
17 originally so done. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and its secretary  
18 shall be the successor in every way to each such museum and its respective board, if  
19 applicable, including all of the obligations and debts of each such agency.

20 Section 6. All books, papers, records, money, actions, and other property of every  
21 kind, movable and immovable, real and personal, heretofore possessed, controlled, or used  
22 by each museum and its respective board, if applicable, with the Department of State, the  
23 provisions for which are enacted, amended, or repealed by this Act, in carrying out  
24 functions, duties, and responsibilities granted by this Act to the Department of Culture,  
25 Recreation and Tourism are hereby transferred to the ~~Department of Culture, Recreation and~~  
26 Tourism department.

27 Section 7. All employees heretofore engaged in the performance of functions of each  
28 museum and its respective board, if applicable, within the Department of State, the  
29 provisions and functions of which are transferred by this Act to the Department of Culture,

1 Recreation and Tourism, to the extent the secretary of the department deems necessary to  
 2 carry out the functions formerly performed by the transferred museums and their receptive  
 3 boards, if applicable, and shall insofar as practicable and necessary, continue to perform the  
 4 duties heretofore performed, subject to applicable state civil service laws, rules, and  
 5 regulations.

6 Section 8. Any administrative rule pertaining to any museum or its respective board  
 7 as transferred from the Department of State by this Act shall remain in force and effect until  
 8 it is modified by a rule promulgated by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

9 Section 9. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the governance and administration of the office of the state museum in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and provides for the transfer of museums and related boards from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law creates the Bd. of Directors of the La. State Museum in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT).

Proposed law changes the name of the board to the Oversight Board of the La. State Museum.

Proposed law provides that the board is comprised as follows:

- (1) The secretary of CRT or his designee.
- (2) Members appointed by the lieutenant governor from nominations submitted by: the Friends of the Cabildo, the La. Historical Society, the La. Historical Assoc., the Foundation for Historical La., the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation, the La. Museum Foundation, the Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site, the La. Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, the La. Civil Rights Museum Advisory Bd., and the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.
- (3) Seven members appointed by the lieutenant governor at-large.

Proposed law provides that the board is comprised of the following members:

- (1) The governor, or his designee.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.

- (3) The secretary of CRT, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (7) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 1 bd.
- (8) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 2 bd.
- (9) An appointee of the lieutenant governor selected from a list of three names submitted by the region 3 bd.

Proposed law provides for three regional governing boards which shall each employ an executive director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the museums under that board's jurisdiction.

Present law provides for the director of the La. State Museum who serves as the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum in CRT.

Present law provides for appointment of the director by the lieutenant governor. Proposed law provides for appointment of the director by the oversight board created by proposed law.

Proposed law transfers the following entities and the museums associated therewith from the Dept. of State to CRT:

- (1) The Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol.
- (2) The Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission.
- (3) The governing board of the La. Delta Music Museum.
- (4) The governing board of the Mansfield Female College Museum.
- (5) The governing board of the Germantown Colony Museum.
- (6) The Regional Museum Governing Bd. of the La. State Exhibit Museum.
- (7) The governing board of the La. State Cotton Museum.
- (8) The governing board of the La. State Oil and Gas Museum.

Proposed law provides that these museum boards have advisory functions within CRT.

Present law, which is repealed by proposed law, provides as follows with respect to these museum boards except the Advisory Bd. of the Old State Capitol:

- (1) Authorizes them to solicit and accept gifts and donations.
- (2) Provides that they exercise all powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities provided or authorized by law which are in the nature of regulation, enforcement, or adjudication. Provides that they are responsible for the performance and administration of their day-to-day operations, except that the secretary of state is responsible for those matters which are in the nature of accounting, payroll, budget

- control, procurement, data processing, and personnel management. Authorizes the secretary to transfer or implement any or all of these functions through the secretary and the department.
- (3) The books, papers, records, moneys, actions, and other property possessed, controlled, or used by these boards are owned, possessed, controlled, and used by the board. Also, the employees of the board are controlled by the board and its executive head.
- (4) Prohibits removal of records, books, or papers stored in the museum without approval of the governing board.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 25:341(A) and (C), 342(A)(1) and (5) and (B)(1) and (3), 343(A), 349(A), 371(2), 372(A) and (C)(2), 373, 374(A)(1) and (B), 375, 376, 377(A), (B), and (C)(2)(intro. para.) and (c), 378, 379(A), 379.1, 379.2(B)(4), 379.3(B), 379.4, 379.5(A), 379.7, 380(A), 380.1, 380.2(B)(4), 380.3, 380.4(A), 380.6, 380.21(A), 380.22, 380.23(B)(4), 380.24, 380.25(A), 380.27, 380.51(A), 380.52, 380.53(B)(4), 380.54, 380.55(A), 380.57, 380.91(A), 380.92, 380.93(B)(4), 380.94, 380.95(A), 380.97, 380.151(A), 380.152, 380.153(B)(4), 380.154, 380.155(A), 380.157, 1242(A) and (C)(1) and (2)(h), 1243(B)(3), 1244, 1245, and 1246, and R.S. 36:207(A)(1) and (2) and 209(A)(3); Adds R.S. 25:342(B)(4), 347, 347.1, and 347.2 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) through (18) and (D)(4), (5), and (6); Repeals R.S. 25:341(D) through (H) and 371(3) and R.S. 36:744(C)(2) and (3), (D)(2), and (F))