

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 694

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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, the commission may
16 appoint a director to administer the functions of the commission. The director is
17 subject to the direct supervision of the secretary of the department.

18 §316. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

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

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

27 §317. Donations

28 The commission may solicit funds from any source, public or private, for
29 expenditure by the department to accomplish the purposes of the commission.

1 Section 2. R.S. 36:209(A)(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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8 (11) The Louisiana Music Commission (R.S. 25:315 et seq.).

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DIGEST

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HB 694 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Music Commission in the office of cultural development within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Proposed law establishes the La. Music Commission (commission) in the office of cultural development within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department). Provides that the commission shall be domiciled in the Baton Rouge area.

Proposed law provides that the commission is composed of 15 persons appointed by the Lt. governor, and at least one of whom shall be a member of a minority. Provides that members serve for a term concurrent with that of the Lt. governor making the appointment. Further provides that each appointment is subject to senate confirmation. Authorizes the commission, with the consent of the secretary, to appoint a director to administer the functions of the commission.

Proposed law requires that the department's budget request and the governor's executive budget include funds sufficient to support the commission. Requires that funds appropriated for operation of the commission be used for such purpose. Prohibits charging administrative costs associated with placing the commission within the department.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to solicit funds from any source, public or private, to accomplish the purposes of the commission

(Adds R.S. 25:315-317 and R.S. 36:209(A)(11))