

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 238 By Senator Chabert**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

TOURISM. Creates the Leeville Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission.  
(8/1/13)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Clarifies that the Commission is created as a political subdivision of the state.
2. Expands the purpose of the Commission to promote preservation of the culture and tourism in Lafourche Parish, including the Leeville Fishing Village.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Proposed law provides that the legislature recognizes that it is appropriate to establish a commission to preserve the culture of and promote tourism for the Leeville Fishing Village in Lafourche Parish.

Proposed law creates the Leeville Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission as a political subdivision of the state and that it be domiciled in Lafourche Parish.

Proposed law provides that the commission is to promote preservation of the culture and tourism in Lafourche Parish, including the Leeville Fishing Village.

Proposed law provides that the commission consist of the following members:

- (1) One member appointed by the councilman elected to represent the ninth council district of the Lafourche Parish Council.
- (2) One member appointed by the Lafourche Parish president.
- (3) One member appointed by the senator elected to represent the 20th senatorial district.
- (4) One member appointed by the representative elected to represent the 54th representative district.
- (5) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor.

Proposed law requires that each member be a resident of or own property within Lafourche Parish.

Proposed law provides that each member serve at the pleasure of the person appointing the member.

Proposed law provides that each member of the commission serve without compensation.

Proposed law provides for the following powers and duties of the commission:

- (1) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of official business, and that all official actions require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.
- (2) The commission shall:
  - (a) Meet at least once each quarter at the call of the commission chairman.

- (b) Adopt bylaws establishing policies and procedures for its governance, including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) The election and responsibilities of the officers of the commission, including a chairman and vice chairman.
  - (ii) The appointment, duties, and functions of standing and special committees of the commission, including the appointment of noncommission members to such committees and their functions.
  - (iii) The preparation of a budget and plan for sufficient funding.
- (c) Establish and use an identifying seal pertaining to commission business.
- (3) The commission may:
  - (a) Individually, or in cooperation with any nonprofit corporation established to support the commission, seek and expend funds from any source, public or private, to support programs of the commission.
  - (b) Authorize reports and recommendations which include the issuance, publication, or distribution of general information documents or pamphlets, which are published on a regular basis and are generally known as newsletters.
  - (c) Acquire by purchase, lease as lessee, and hold and use any property, movable or immovable, corporal or incorporeal, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of proposed law and sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any such property acquired by it.
  - (d) All public works contracted by the commission shall be subject to, and in accordance with the public bid law.

Proposed law provides that the parish governing authority of Lafourche Parish and the commission may, jointly or separately, solicit, accept, use, and dispose of any private or public funds in the form of donations of money, grants, property, or personal services from individuals, corporations, and governments to achieve the purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law requires that funds appropriated by the legislature for operation of the Leeville Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission be used solely for that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by the commission.

Proposed law requires that the commission establish policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of the center in accordance with the APA.

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