

1 other instrumentalities of the executive branch and their functions, powers, duties, and
2 responsibilities shall be allocated according to function within not more than twenty
3 departments" and further provides that "Reallocation of the functions, powers, and duties
4 of all departments, offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch,
5 except those functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities allocated by this constitution,
6 shall be as provided by law"; and

7 WHEREAS, the executive branch of state government currently is comprised of
8 twenty departments, and recognizing that creation of a new department would necessitate
9 the elimination of an existing department or a constitutional amendment authorizing an
10 additional department, House Bill No. 352 provides that the new Department of Elderly
11 Affairs becomes effective upon the effective date of the abolition of one or more of the
12 existing departments or upon the effective date of a constitutional amendment that authorizes
13 creation of an additional executive branch department, whichever date is earlier; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that there is a need to create a Department of
15 Elderly Affairs to address more effectively the needs of this important and growing segment
16 of the state's population, that efficiencies and budgetary savings may be realized by the
17 merger of existing departments of state government, and that providing for the organization
18 of the executive branch by law is a constitutional responsibility of the legislature.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the
21 Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint
22 committee to study and make recommendations with respect to organization of the executive
23 branch of state government with a focus on the abolition or merger of departments so as to
24 provide for the creation of the Department of Elderly Affairs as provided in House Bill No.
25 352 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall make such studies as
27 it shall find necessary or appropriate to carry out its purposes; that for the purposes of
28 conducting such study, the committee may call upon any department or agency of the state
29 for information and assistance, and all such agencies and departments shall cooperate with

1 the committee, and that the committee may request and utilize the assistance of any and all
2 public and private sources.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings and
4 recommendations to the legislature not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the
5 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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