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Proposed law creates and provides for the Orleans Parish Law Enforcement Streamline and Accountability Commission.

Proposed law requires the commission to perform a detailed investigation and analysis of the following:

- (1) The effectiveness of the current delivery system of law enforcement services in Orleans Parish in meeting the needs of its residents and visitors.
- (2) The feasibility of a merger of New Orleans Police Department and Orleans Parish Sheriff's Department.
- (3) The feasibility of an elected superintendent of police for the New Orleans Police Department.
- (4) The budgetary structure and financial concerns of current and future law enforcement budgets in Orleans Parish, including but not limited to the viability of a stand-alone budget for the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Department, the New Orleans Police Department, or a new combined entity.
- (5) Defining the proper levels of funding and identifying funding mechanisms, including assets held and property owned by each the New Orleans Police Department and the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Department as well as the feasibility of sharing resources and assets.
- (6) Examining and defining the appropriate number of law enforcement officers and support staff, including administrative and technology personnel.
- (7) The feasibility of any other efficiencies that can be realized through the streamlining of law enforcement assets or other resources.
- (8) Any state constitution, state statute, and home rule charter provisions governing the New Orleans Police Department and the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Department relevant to a merger of the entities, joint use of assets and resources, and election of a superintendent of police.

Proposed law provides for the commission to be composed of the following members:

- (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B or his designee.
- (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary or his designee.

- (3) The mayor of the city of New Orleans or his designee.
- (4) The chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee of the New Orleans City Council or her designee.
- (5) The sheriff of the parish of Orleans or his designee.
- (6) The president or chief executive office for the Bureau of Governmental Research or her designee.
- (7) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council or his designee.
- (8) The president of the Urban League of the Greater New Orleans or his designee.
- (9) The Inspector General for New Orleans Office of Inspector General or his designee.
- (10) The chief executive officer for the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation or her designee.
- (11) The superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department or his designee.
- (12) The president and chief executive officer of the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce or her designee.
- (13) The president and chief executive officer of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce or his designee.

Proposed law provides for the chairmen of the legislative committees to chair the commission on a rotating annual basis.

Proposed law requires the chairman of Senate Judiciary B to call the first meeting no later than December 1, 2015. Proposed law requires the commission to meet every other month, with two such meeting being held in the city of New Orleans annually. Proposed law further requires the commission to sunset on March 31, 2017.

Proposed law requires to the extent permitted by law, each officer, board, commission, council, department, or agency of state government and Orleans Parish shall make available all facts, records, information, and data requested by the commission and in all ways cooperate with the commission in carrying out the functions and duties imposed by proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to establish committees as it deems advisable and feasible and requires that at least one member of the commission be a member of each committee. Proposed law provides that only the commission itself may take official action.

Proposed law requires the commission to issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the

president of the Senate, the speaker of the House, and the chairmen of the House Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Judiciary B no later than March 1, 2017.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to utilize existing staff of the legislature, including but not limited to personnel of the legislative fiscal office. Proposed law requires the commission to submit a written request for approval for specific support and assistance to the presiding officer of the respective house from which the support and assistance is sought. Support or assistance from the staff of the legislative fiscal office shall be submitted to the presiding officers of both houses.

Proposed law prohibits any commission member from receiving any salary for duties performed as a member of the commission.

Proposed law authorizes the legislative members of the commission to receive per diem and be reimbursed for expenses as provided by law and the rules of the Senate or House of Representatives.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to apply for, contract for, receive, and expend for its purposes any appropriation or grant from the state, its political subdivisions, the federal government, or any other public or private source to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:5991-5995)