

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 383 (HB 241)

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Prior law (R.S. 24:173) required the secretary of state to distribute the current Acts and journals of the legislature to the following:

- (1) Each legislator, upon request in writing to the secretary no later than Sept. 1 of each year, not more than two copies of the Acts and journals.
- (2) Each department of state government and each state agency so designated by law, one copy of the Acts.
- (3) Each district attorney and sheriff and each clerk of the civil and criminal district courts throughout the state, one copy of the Acts; the clerk of each city, municipal, and juvenile court, one copy of the Acts and journals; and to the clerk or secretary of each parish governing authority, one copy of the Acts.
- (4) Each clerk of the courts of appeal of the state, three copies of the Acts.
- (5) The clerk of the Supreme Court of La., seven copies of the Acts and journals.
- (6) The clerk of each of the U.S. courts of appeal and district courts in and for the state of La., one copy of the Acts.
- (7) Each U.S. Senator and Representative elected from La., one copy of the Acts.
- (8) The State Library of La. and the Huey P. Long Memorial Library, three copies of the Acts and journals.
- (9) The Law Library of La. at New Orleans, 25 copies of the Acts to be used for library purposes and exchange purposes with state libraries of other states or other department or agencies thereof.

Prior law further authorized the secretary of state to distribute copies of Acts of the legislature to foreign governments or foreign institutions of learning as a means of promoting the free interchange of information regarding current social and legal developments.

New law removes these provisions and instead requires the secretary of state to distribute one copy of the Acts and journals of each house of the legislature to the State Library of La., one copy of the Acts of the legislature to both the Huey P. Long Memorial Library and the Law Library of La. at New Orleans, three copies of the Acts to the clerk of the House of Representatives, and five copies of the Acts to the secretary of the Senate.

Prior law (R.S. 24:205) further required the secretary of state to print and distribute the reports, studies, and recommended publications of the La. State Law Institute in the same manner as the Acts of the legislature. New law provides instead that such reports, studies, and recommended publications are public and available as provided by law.

Existing law (R.S. 25:125) requires the secretary of state to deliver to the law library of La. State University copies of the Acts, copies of the journals, and copies of the proceedings of any constitutional convention no later than 90 days after they are printed.

Prior law required the secretary of state to so deliver 10 copies of the Acts, five copies of the journals, and five copies of the proceedings of any constitutional convention.

New law reduces the number of copies to three copies of the Acts, two copies of the journals, and two copies of the proceedings of any constitutional convention. Existing law requires the law library to exchange such documents for publications related to government useful to students of public law and to public officials, and to catalogue such material so as to make it serviceable to members of the legislature.

Existing law (R.S. 43:22) requires the secretary of state to retain and keep in the state archives one printed copy and one microfilm copy of the Acts of the legislature and to collect from any person or public or private entity to which he distributes a copy (except those to which he is required by law to distribute copies) a fee equal to the cost of printing and delivery plus 10%.

Prior law provided that the proceeds were to be remitted by the secretary of state to the Supreme Court for the purchase of law books for the Law Library of La. at New Orleans. New law removes this requirement.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 1, 2015).

(Amends R.S. 24:205, R.S. 25:125, and R.S. 43:22; Adds R.S. 24:173.1; Repeals R.S. 24:173)