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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR COLOMB

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/GROUNDS. Establishes and provides for the State Capitol Accessibility Advisory Commission.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To create the State Capitol Accessibility Advisory Commission to study and make		
3	recommendations to the legislature for a strategic outlook to make sure the American		
4	with Disabilities Act of 1990, is sufficiently implemented with respect to the state		
5	capitol building and surrounding infrastructure.		
6	WHEREAS, the United States government enacted into law the American with		
7	Disabilities Act in 1990, which law is intended to protect the civil rights of citizens with		
8	disabilities; and		
9	WHEREAS, Title II of the Act provides specifically for the accessibility of public		
10	entities, including state governments, and requires that "no individual shall be excluded from		
11	participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public		
12	entity"; and		
13	WHEREAS, one of the most essential governmental activities in which all citizens		
14	have the right to participate is the lawmaking process itself, such right being the sine qua non		
15	of the theory and practice of democracy; and		
16	WHEREAS, access to and effective communication with legislators is a prerequisite		
17	of full participation by any citizen; and		
18	WHEREAS, effective communication requires that the documents and the debate of		

1	the legislative process be comprehensible to the citizen; and		
2	WHEREAS, the state capitol building in Baton Rouge is the primary location of the		
3	state government of Louisiana, and in order for a citizen of Louisiana to have access to the		
4	lawmaking activities of the state, he must have access to the various areas within the		
5	building where this process takes place and to the state capitol grounds; and		
6	WHEREAS, since the implementation of the American with Disabilities Act, safety		
7	concerns and technology enhancements have altered the way the public can effectively		
8	communicate with legislators and fully participate in the legislative process; and		
9	WHEREAS, the accessibility of any citizen to the state capitol is of particular		
10	concern and requires a strategic outlook to make sure the American with Disabilities Act of		
11	1990 is sufficiently implemented.		
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby		
13	create the State Capitol Accessibility Advisory Commission to study and make		
14	recommendations to the legislature for a strategic outlook to make sure the American with		
15	Disabilities Act of 1990, is sufficiently implemented with respect to the state capitol building		
16	and surrounding infrastructure.		
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Accessibility Advisory		
18	Commission shall consist of eleven commissioners, who shall serve without compensation,		
19	and who shall be composed of the following persons or their designees:		
20	(1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs or her		
21	designee.		
22	(2) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs or		
23	his designee.		
24	(3) The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security.		
25	(4) The chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security.		
26	(5) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.		
27	(6) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the		
28	House.		
29	(7) One member consisting of a representative of the state fire marshal's ADA		

30 Enforcement Personnel as designated by the state fire marshal.

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- (8) One member consisting of the chair of the Development Disabilities Council or
 his designee.
- 3 (9) The chair of the Advocacy Center or his designee.
- 4 (10) The chair of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network or his
 5 designee.
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(11) The chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of the persons who are designated or
appointed to serve on the commission shall be submitted to the chair of the Senate
Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs by August 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members shall convene no later than September 1, 2016, and the responsibilities of the commission shall include but not be limited to the development, in conjunction with any individuals and groups who are responsible for implementation of the ADA, of a system that ensures the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, is sufficiently implemented at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall present a report to the legislature concerning progress made in keeping with the mandatory language of the ADA by March 1, 2017.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

	DIGEST	
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Creates the State Capitol Accessibility Advisory Commission to study and make recommendations to the legislature for a strategic outlook to make sure the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, is sufficiently implemented with respect to the state capitol building and surrounding infrastructure and submit a report to the legislature by March 1, 2017.

Provides that the commission consist of 11 commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, and who shall be composed of the following persons or their designees:

- (1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs or her designee.
- (2) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs or his designee.
- (3) The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security.
- (4) The chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security.

- (5) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (6) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House.
- (7) One member consisting of a representative of the state fire marshal's ADA Enforcement Personnel designated by the state fire marshal.
- (8) One member consisting of the chair of the Development Disabilities Council or his designee.
- (9) The chair of the Advocacy Center or his designee.
- (10) The chair of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network or his designee.
- (11) The chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council or his designee.

Requires that the commission convene no later that September 1, 2016 and that a report be presented to the legislature by March 1, 2017.