

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 153

BY SENATOR MARTINY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MUSEUMS. Provides relative to the Louisiana State Museum. (1/12/16)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 25:341(D), (1) and (2), (E), and (F)(3), 342(A)(5), (6), (7), and (8), (B)(1) and (2), 343, and R.S. 42:1111(A)(1), and to enact R.S. 25:342(A)(9), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide for the board of directors; to provide for terms; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for the museum director; to provide for an exception to the Ethics Code; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 25:341(D), (1) and (2), (E), and (F)(3), 342(A)(5), (6), (7), and (8), (B)(1) and (2), and 343 are hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 25:342(A)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§341. Establishment and location; purpose; board of directors; appointment; compensation of members; terms; oaths

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D. The Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum shall be composed of members as provided in this Subsection. The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall serve as a member of the board. Each

1 additional member of the board shall have a knowledge of and interest in art, history,  
 2 and cultural restoration. Further, each member nominee shall have experience  
 3 in at least one of the following subject areas: marketing, law, historic  
 4 preservation, museum sciences, finance, accounting, business administration,  
 5 fundraising for nonprofits, facility management, community or consumer  
 6 advocacy, or other pertinent disciplines. Additional members of the board shall  
 7 be appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:

8 (1) Each of the following shall submit a list of four names, and the lieutenant  
 9 governor shall appoint ~~one member from each list~~ members in a manner described  
 10 in this Paragraph:

- 11 (a) ~~The~~ Two members nominated by the Friends of the Cabildo.
- 12 (b) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Society.
- 13 (c) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Association.
- 14 (d) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Foundation for Historical  
 15 Louisiana, Inc.
- 16 (e) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Wedell-Williams Memorial  
 17 Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in  
 18 Patterson.
- 19 (f) ~~The~~ Two members nominated by the Louisiana Museum Foundation.
- 20 (g) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Friends of the Edward Douglass  
 21 White Historic Site.
- 22 (h) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame  
 23 Foundation.
- 24 (i) ~~The~~ One member nominated by the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum  
 25 Advisory Board.
- 26 (j) Two members nominated by the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.

27 (2) ~~Eleven~~ Seven members shall be appointed from the state at large in such  
 28 manner as to provide that membership on the board will reflect the ethnic and  
 29 cultural diversity of the population of the state and encourage statewide

1 representation on the board.

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3 E.~~(1)~~ Each Except as provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection  
4 regarding initial appointments, each member appointed pursuant to Subsection D  
5 of this Section shall serve a term ~~concurrent with that of the lieutenant governor~~  
6 making the appointment of four years. Each member shall serve until his successor  
7 is appointed and takes office. Each appointment by the lieutenant governor shall be  
8 submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

9 (2)(a) For members appointed pursuant to Subsection D of this Section,  
10 the term of office shall be four years after initial terms as provided in  
11 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A member shall serve no more than two  
12 consecutive terms.

13 (b) Five members shall serve an initial term of one year; five members  
14 shall serve an initial term of two years; five members shall serve an initial term  
15 of three years; five members shall serve an initial term of four years, as  
16 determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

17 F. \* \* \*

18 (3) When a vacancy occurs among the at-large members appointed pursuant  
19 to the provisions of Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section, then the lieutenant governor  
20 shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy within thirty days of the vacancy. The  
21 member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

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23 §342. Domicile; powers and duties of the office of the state museum and the board;  
24 buildings and properties administered

25 A. \* \* \*

26 (5) The board shall assist the secretary and assistant secretary in  
27 establishing fiscal policies, including but not limited to operational budgets and  
28 financial controls over existing and new projects.

29 (6) The museum shall be open to the public. The assistant secretary of the

1 office of the state museum may establish in accordance with the Administrative  
2 Procedure Act admission and tour fees and user or rental fees for any or all museum  
3 buildings and exhibits to be charged by the museum. Such user or rental fees shall  
4 reflect the actual cost of maintenance of the space rented and the market rates for  
5 comparable space in the locality of the space rented.

6 ~~(6)~~(7) The office of the state museum, through the assistant secretary and in  
7 cooperation with nonprofit corporations established to support the Louisiana State  
8 Museum, may seek private funding to support the museum's programs.

9 ~~(7)~~(8) The office of the state museum, through the assistant secretary, shall  
10 have authority to contract with consulting experts in the fields of museum  
11 administration and conservation of paintings, books and papers, and other decorative  
12 arts, and with appraisers, buying agents, designers, engineers, attorneys, accountants,  
13 construction and financial experts, and other such persons as may be necessary to  
14 carry out the purposes of the museum.

15 ~~(8)~~(9) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary and in particular  
16 the provisions of R.S. 25:349(B)(5) and R.S. 41:1212, the office of the state  
17 museum, through the assistant secretary, may enter into contracts and agreements  
18 with any public agency or nonprofit corporation which has been established for the  
19 primary purpose of supporting the programs and activities of the Louisiana State  
20 Museum, including the Friends of the Cabildo, Friends of the Museums of Local  
21 Interest, Friends of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the Wedell-Williams  
22 Memorial Foundation, and the Louisiana Museum Foundation, for the establishment  
23 of offices, stores, or exhibits on the property and in the buildings of the museum. The  
24 office of the state museum, through the assistant secretary, may also enter into  
25 contracts and agreements for joint construction, equipment, maintenance, and  
26 financing of such buildings, and may enter into contracts and agreements for the joint  
27 financing, supervision, and conduct of cooperative enterprises and undertakings. Any  
28 public agency may enter into contracts and agreements with the office of the state  
29 museum for the purposes provided in this Paragraph.



1           professional.

2                   B. The director shall serve as the assistant secretary of the office of the  
3           state museum.

4                   C. The salary of the director shall be commensurate with the other  
5           assistant secretary positions. The salary may be additionally supplemented  
6           beyond the normal amount by the board or Louisiana museum foundations as  
7           provided for in the Ethics Code.

8           Section 2. R.S. 42:1111(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9           §1111. Payment from nonpublic sources

10                   A.(1) Payments for services to the governmental entity. No public servant  
11           shall receive anything of economic value, other than compensation and benefits from  
12           the governmental entity to which he is duly entitled, for the performance of the  
13           duties and responsibilities of his office or position; ~~however,~~

14                   (a) Notwithstanding the introductory paragraph to this Subsection,  
15           supplementary compensation or benefits provided to an employee of a public higher  
16           education institution, board, or system from funds or property accruing to the benefit  
17           of the institution, board, or system as approved by the appropriate policy or  
18           management board, through an alumni organization recognized by the management  
19           board of a college or university within the state or through a foundation organized  
20           by the alumni or other supportive individuals of a college or university within the  
21           state the charter of which specifically provides that the purpose of the foundation is  
22           to aid said college or university in a philanthropic manner shall be deemed for  
23           purposes of this Subsection as compensation and benefits from the government to  
24           which he is duly entitled.

25                   (b) Notwithstanding the introductory paragraph to this Subsection,  
26           supplementary compensation or benefits provided to the director of the  
27           Louisiana State Museum as approved by the board of directors of the Louisiana  
28           State Museum through the board or a foundation organized to support any  
29           particular museum under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Museum whose



Proposed law provides that members be appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:

- (1) Each of the following shall submit a list of four names, and the lieutenant governor shall appoint members in a manner described below:
  - (a) Two members nominated by the Friends of the Cabildo.
  - (b) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Society.
  - (c) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Association.
  - (d) One member nominated by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Inc.
  - (e) One member nominated by the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in Patterson.
  - (f) Two members nominated by the Louisiana Museum Foundation.
  - (g) One member nominated by the Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site.
  - (h) One member nominated by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.
  - (i) One member nominated by the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board.
  - (j) Two members nominated by the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.
- (2) Seven members shall be appointed from the state at large in such manner as to provide that membership on the board will reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the population of the state and encourage statewide representation on the board.

Present law provides that each appointed member shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the lieutenant governor making the appointment.

Proposed law provides that the term of each appointment member shall be for four years.

Proposed law further provides that the appointments be staggered after the initial term. Initially, five members shall serve a term of one year; five members shall serve a term of two years; five members shall serve a term of three years; five members shall serve a term of four years, as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

Proposed law prohibits an appointed member from serving more than two consecutive terms. Requires the lieutenant governor to fill a vacancy within 30 days.

Proposed law requires the board to assist the secretary of CRT and assistant secretary in establishing fiscal policies, including but not limited to operational budgets and financial controls over existing and new projects.

Present law provides that the board advise the secretary of CRT and the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum with respect to policies for the state museum.

Proposed law requires that the secretary of CRT and the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum consult with the board with respect to policy for the office of state museum.

Present law provides that the lieutenant governor appoint a professional director of the La. State Museum who shall have at least 10 years of experience in institutional administration



and curatorship in a field related to the purposes and activities of the museum. Present law further provides that the director shall serve as the assistant secretary of the office of the state museum and that he shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor and receive such salary as fixed by the lieutenant governor. Present law further provides that the museum director serve as executive and administrative officer of the board and shall discharge all operational, maintenance, administrative, and executive functions of the board, subject to the control, jurisdiction, and supervision of the secretary of the department.

Proposed law provides that the museum director be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of three candidates nominated by a search committee appointed by the board. Proposed law further requires the lieutenant governor to make the appointment no later than 60 days after receiving the list of candidates from the search committee. Proposed law requires that the board establish criteria for the position of museum director that includes but is not limited to a master's degree in Museum Sciences, or a related field, and provide clear evidence of successful performance, with no fewer than 10 years experience as a skilled professional.

Proposed law provides for the director to serve as assistant secretary of the office of the state museum.

Proposed law provides that the salary of the director be paid by the department commensurate with the other assistant secretary positions and that the salary may be additionally supplemented beyond the normal amount by the board or Louisiana museum foundations as provided for in the Ethics Code.

Present law prohibits any public servant from receiving anything of economic value, other than compensation and benefits from the governmental entity to which he is duly entitled, for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of his office or position.

Present law authorizes that supplementary compensation or benefits provided to an employee of a public higher education institution, board, or system from funds or property accruing to the benefit of the institution, board, or system as approved by the appropriate policy or management board, through an alumni organization recognized by the management board of a college or university within the state or through a foundation organized by the alumni or other supportive individuals of a college or university within the state the charter of which specifically provides that the purpose of the foundation is to aid said college or university in a philanthropic manner shall be deemed for purposes of present law as compensation and benefits from the government to which he is duly entitled.

Proposed law retains present law, and further authorizes that supplementary compensation or benefits provided to the director of the Louisiana State Museum as approved by the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum through the board or a foundation organized to support any particular museum under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Museum whose charter specifically provides that the purpose of the foundation is to aid said museum in a philanthropic manner shall be deemed for purposes of present law as compensation and benefits from the government to which he is duly entitled.

Effective January 12, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 25:341(D)(intro para), (1) and (2), (E), and (F)(3), 342(A)(5), (6), (7), and (8), (B)(1) and (2), 343, and R.S. 42:1111(A)(1); adds R.S. 25:342(A)(9))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Increases the number of members to be appointed by the lieutenant governor

from nominations by the Friends of the Capitol park Museum from one to two members.

2. Decreases the number of members appointed from the state at large from eight to seven.
3. Increases the number of candidates for museum director nominated by the search committee of the board and sent to the lieutenant governor for consideration and appointment from two to three.
4. Removes the requirement that directors has at least 10 years experience in any of several enumerated subject areas.
5. Deleted references to the museum director's contract.
6. Deleted the provision that the museum director shall only be terminated for cause.
7. Technical amendments.