

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 319

BY SENATOR GATTI

STATE AGENCIES. Abolishes boards and commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities that are inactive. (8/1/18)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) and R.S. 51:2214(H) and to repeal R.S. 33:4579 through 4579.5, Chapter 27-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:9039.1 through 9039.4, Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 34:1101 through 1106, R.S. 36:109(U), Part IV of Chapter 7 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:1921, Part XXXII of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:3087.301 through 3087.314, R.S. 39:551.10, R.S. 40:1061.16(F), Part VII of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1273.1 through 1273.8, Part III of Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1081 through 1083, R.S. 47:463.67, and Chapter 40 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:2401, relative to boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to remove references to certain abolished entities; to transfer property of certain abolished entities; to remove

1 references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the St.  
 2 Tammany Event Center District, Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District, Board of  
 3 Morgan City, Berwick Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners, Bayou Desiard  
 4 Lake Restoration Commission, Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf  
 5 Gravity Drainage District, Jackson Parish Industrial District, Point of Rescue Task  
 6 Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information, River Region Cancer Screening and  
 7 Early Detection District, Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides Parish, and  
 8 Louisiana Innovation Council; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The legislature finds that abolishing, transferring, and consolidating  
 11 certain boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities is in the public interest  
 12 when such entities no longer serve a public purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to  
 13 abolish, transfer, and consolidate boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities  
 14 and make other changes as provided in this Act.

15 **St. Tammany Event Center District**

16 Section 2.(A) R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
 17 follows:

18 §302.26. Disposition of certain collections in St. Tammany Parish

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20 C. Beginning Fiscal Year 2012-2013, monies in the fund shall be subject to  
 21 annual appropriation by the legislature and shall be allocated as follows:

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23 (4)(a) Recreation District No. 1 of St. Tammany Parish, nine percent.

24 (b) ~~However, in any fiscal year in which bonds are issued for purposes of the~~  
 25 ~~St. Tammany Events Center District, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the nine~~  
 26 ~~percent allocation as provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be~~  
 27 ~~divided equally between Recreation District No. 1 and the St. Tammany Events~~  
 28 ~~Center District.~~

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1 (B) R.S. 33:4579 through 4579.5 are hereby repealed.

2 **Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District**

3 Section 3. Chapter 27-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
4 comprised of R.S. 33:9039.1 through 9039.4, is hereby repealed.

5 **Board of Morgan City, Berwick Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners**

6 Section 4. Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
7 comprised of R.S. 34:1101 through 1106, is hereby repealed.

8 **Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Gravity Drainage District**

9 Section 5. Part IV of Chapter 7 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
10 comprised of R.S. 38:1921, is hereby repealed.

11 **Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission**

12 Section 6. Part XXXII of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
13 of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:3087.301 through 3087.314, is hereby repealed.

14 **Jackson Parish Industrial District**

15 Section 7. R.S. 39:551.10 is hereby repealed.

16 **Point of Rescue Task Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information**

17 Section 8. R.S. 40:1061.16(F) is hereby repealed.

18 **River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection District**

19 Section 9.(A) Part VII of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
20 of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1273.1 through 1273.8, is hereby repealed.

21 (B) R.S. 47:463.67 is hereby repealed.

22 **Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides Parish**

23 Section 10. Part III of Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
24 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1081 through 1083, is hereby repealed.

25 **Louisiana Innovation Council**

26 Section 11.(A) R.S. 51:2214(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

27 §2214. Governing board; authority; duties

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29 H. On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the board shall

1 submit to the House and Senate committees on education, the House **Committee on**  
 2 **Commerce**, and ~~the Senate committees on commerce, and the Louisiana Innovation~~  
 3 ~~Council~~ **Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International**  
 4 **Affairs**, a report that addresses funding activities undertaken and performance  
 5 outcomes by the MediFund in the most recent one-year period and any other  
 6 information that the board deems appropriate to convey a clear understanding of the  
 7 operations and impact of the MediFund on commercialization of bioscience research,  
 8 improvement of health outcomes, number of new jobs created, grants, patents,  
 9 spinoff companies, scientific discoveries, published research, and total economic  
 10 benefit.

11 (B) R.S. 36:109(U) is hereby repealed.

12 (C) Chapter 40 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of  
 13 R.S. 51:2401, is hereby repealed.

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The original instrument was prepared by J. W. Wiley. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tim Prather.

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Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity, all as follows:

St. Tammany Event Center District: Present law creates the district to acquire, construct, and operate an events center and programs in St. Tammany Parish. Further provides for funding of the district. Proposed law abolishes the district and provides for the distribution of the funding.

Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District: Present law creates the district to research, study, develop, and implement plans and programs designed to promote the district as an area into which retirees or persons nearing retirement age may relocate. Proposed law abolishes the district.

Board of Morgan City, Berwick Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners: Present law creates the board to regulate pilots, the Morgan City, Berwick Pilots Association, and masters and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters in the board's jurisdiction. Proposed law abolishes the board.

Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Gravity Drainage District: Present law creates the district to address the drainage problems affecting the geographical area located within the district. Proposed law abolishes the commission.

Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission: Present law creates the commission to restore the management and protection of the water in certain portions of Bayou Desiard Lake.

Proposed law abolishes the commission.

Jackson Parish Industrial District: Present law creates the district and provides for its membership. Proposed law abolishes the district and membership.

Point of Rescue Task Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information: Present law creates the task force to assist in the preparation of printed and internet material for information on abortions. Proposed law abolishes the task force.

River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection District: Present law creates the district to screen persons for cancer in its jurisdictional boundaries. Present law creates a prestige license plate for the district. Proposed law abolishes the district and removes the authority for the prestige license plate.

Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides Parish: Present law creates the district to construct or acquire a new general hospital facility in the parish or renovate an existing general hospital facility in the parish and provide for the operation of such facility. Proposed law abolishes the district.

Louisiana Innovation Council: Present law creates the council with the mission to shape an innovation-based vision for Louisiana and coordinate activities in the statewide innovation agenda. Proposed law abolishes the council.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) and R.S. 51:2214(H); repeals R.S. 33:4579-4579.5 and 9039.1-9039.4, R.S. 34:1101-1106, R.S. 109(U), R.S. 38:1921 and 3087.301-3087.314, R.S. 39:551.10, R.S. 40:1061.16(F) and 1273.1-1273.8, R.S. 46:1081-1083, R.S. 47:463.67, and R.S. 51:2401)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Removes the following entities from proposed law:
  - (a) Health Education Authority of Louisiana.
  - (b) North Bossier Levee and Drainage District.
  - (c) Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.