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HOUSE BILL NO. 335

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER AND SENATOR CARTER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:744(D) and to enact Chapter 6 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:501 through 503, relative to the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board; to provide for the membership of the board; to provide for the duties of the board; to provide relative to the state historical records coordinator and the deputy state historical records coordinator; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 6 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:501 through 503, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6. LOUISIANA HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

§501. Board; creation; appointment; compensation

A. The Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board is hereby created in the Department of State.

B. The board shall be comprised of fifteen members. The membership of the board shall be:

(1) The secretary of state or his designee who shall be the chairman of the board.

(2) The director of state archives or his designee.

(3) The state librarian or his designee.

(4) One representative selected by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.

(5) One representative selected by the Louisiana Municipal Association.

1                   (6) One representative selected by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

2                   (7) One representative selected by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

3                   (8) One representative selected by the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts  
4                   Association.

5                   (9) One representative selected by the Louisiana Historical Association.

6                   (10) Six members appointed by the secretary of state, each of whom shall be  
7                   subject to confirmation by the Senate, shall serve a term of office concurrent with the  
8                   term of office of the secretary of state, and shall have expertise in one or more of the  
9                   following fields:

10                   (a) Administration of government or university records.

11                   (b) Historical records.

12                   (c) Archives.

13                   C. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

14                   D. The board shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and upon the call  
15                   of the chairman.

16                   §502. Duties of the board

17                   A. The duties of the board shall include the following:

18                   (1) To sponsor and publish surveys regarding the conditions of and needs  
19                   concerning historical records in this state.

20                   (2) To develop and solicit proposals for historical records projects to be  
21                   undertaken by entities in this state or by the board with grants from the National  
22                   Historical Publications and Records Commission, hereinafter referred to in this  
23                   Chapter as the "national commission".

24                   (3) To review historical records projects proposed by entities in this state and  
25                   to make recommendations regarding such projects to the national commission.

26                   (4) To develop, revise, and submit the state's priorities for historical records  
27                   projects to the national commission in accordance with the guidelines developed by  
28                   the national commission.

29                   (5) To promote an understanding of the role and the value of historical  
30                   records and recordkeeping.

1           (6) To act in an advisory capacity to the division of archives, records  
2           management, and history within the Department of State and to other archival or  
3           records entities in the state.

4           (7) To review, through reports and otherwise, the operation and progress of  
5           projects throughout the state which have been financed, in whole or in part, by grants  
6           from the national commission.

7           B. The board shall comply with the national commission's Manual of  
8           Suggested Practices, hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as the "national  
9           commission's manual".

10          C. The Department of State shall provide support staff, facilities, and  
11          resources to the board.

12          §503. State historical records coordinator duties; deputy state historical records  
13          coordinator duties

14          A. The secretary of state, or his designee, shall serve as the state historical  
15          records coordinator for the board. The duties of the state historical records  
16          coordinator shall include the following:

17               (1) To prepare a comprehensive written report, to be submitted annually to  
18               the national commission, detailing the board's activities during the previous year,  
19               assessing the board's ongoing planning objectives, and providing all additional data  
20               and information necessary to comply with the national commission's manual.

21               (2) To coordinate the board's efforts to assess and monitor the conditions of  
22               and needs concerning historical records in the state.

23               (3) To serve as the project director or provide administrative oversight, or  
24               both, for grant projects carried out by the board.

25               (4) To assist the board in developing and sustaining statewide strategic  
26               planning regarding the preservation of historical records, including the development  
27               and maintenance of a statement of priorities for historical records programs in the  
28               state, identifying particular priorities for board action and priorities for grant funding.



1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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