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HOUSE BILL NO. 59

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

TOURISM/COMMISSION: Provides relative to the La. Naval War Memorial Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:1001(A) and (D), relative to the Louisiana Naval War
3 Memorial Commission; to change the membership composition of the commission;
4 to provide relative to the use of commission funds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 25:1001(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §1001. Commission

9 A. There is hereby created in the Department of Culture, Recreation and
10 Tourism, ~~Office of Tourism~~ office of tourism, the Louisiana Naval War Memorial
11 Commission. The commission shall be composed of seventeen members, one of
12 whom shall be the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism,
13 or his designee, one of whom shall be the ~~director~~ secretary of veterans affairs, or his
14 designee, and fifteen of whom shall be appointed by the governor. ~~At least four of~~
15 ~~the members shall be residents of East Baton Rouge Parish, and the remaining~~
16 ~~appointive members shall be appointed from throughout the state in such a manner~~
17 ~~as to provide general statewide representation on the commission.~~

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19 D. Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for
20 actual expenses incurred in attendance at meetings and otherwise in the performance

1 of the duties of the commission at the direction of the commission. ~~Any such~~
 2 ~~expenses shall be payable only out of self-generated funds of the commission. No~~
 3 ~~state-generated funds shall be used for the upkeep and operation of the commission~~
 4 ~~except for the initial appropriation contained in House Bill 160 of the 1979 Regular~~
 5 ~~Session of the Louisiana Legislature.~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the composition of the La. Naval War Memorial Commission and provides relative to its use of funds.

Present law creates the La. Naval War Memorial Commission under the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to operate, maintain, and exhibit the U.S.S. Kidd. Present law provides for a seventeen-member commission. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his designee, to be on the commission. Present law further provides that the director of veterans affairs be a member of the commission. Proposed law retains present law but clarifies that the secretary rather than the director of veterans affairs shall be a member of the commission and further authorizes him to appoint a designee to the commission.

Present law provides that four members of the commission shall be appointed from East Baton Rouge Parish and 11 members shall be appointed from across the state so as to yield statewide representation. Proposed law removes this residency requirement.

Present law authorizes the reimbursement of commission members for expenses they incur in the performance of their duties. Present law requires that such expenses be paid only out of self-generated funds of the commission. Proposed law removes this requirement.

Present law prohibits the use of state funds for the upkeep and operation of the commission. Proposed law removes this prohibition.

(Amends R.S. 25:1001(A) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Corrects the title of the secretary of veterans affairs.
2. Allows the secretary of veterans affairs to appoint a designee to represent him on the commission.