

New law establishes the Commission on Streamlining Government to examine each agency's constitutional and statutory activities, functions, programs, services, powers, duties, and responsibilities, and to determine which of these activities, functions, programs, services, powers, duties, and responsibilities can be (1) eliminated, (2) streamlined, (3) consolidated, (4) privatized, or (5) outsourced in an effort to reduce the size of state government.

New law provides that the commission is to target agencies whose activities, functions, programs, or services can be consolidated or eliminated, in addition to identifying opportunities for privatizing and outsourcing current state activities, functions, programs, or services.

New law provides that the commission is to examine the necessity and performance of activities, functions, programs, and services in order to ensure that they are meeting current performance standards effectively and efficiently, and that they are meeting the needs of La. citizens.

New law provides that the commission will be composed as follows:

- (1) The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee.
- (2) The House speaker, or the speaker's designee.
- (3) The Senate president, or the president's designee.
- (4) The state treasurer, or the treasurer's designee.
- (5) The chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, or the chairman's designee.
- (6) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, or the chairman's designee.
- (7) Two individuals engaged in private enterprise, appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- (8) One individual engaged in private enterprise, appointed by the House speaker.
- (9) One individual selected from a list of three individuals nominated by the AFL/CIO, and appointed by the Senate president subject to Senate confirmation.

New law provides that the commission may hold public hearings as part of its evaluation process, and may appoint advisory groups to conduct studies, research or analyses, and make reports and recommendations. New law provides that at least one member of the commission will serve on each advisory group.

New law provides that the names of persons who are to serve on the commission shall be submitted to the Senate president on or before July 15, 2009. The Senate president shall call the first meeting of the commission to be held on or before July 30, 2009. At the first meeting, the members shall elect from their membership a chairman, vice chairman, and such other officers as advisable. The Senate president or his designee shall preside over the commission until a chairman is elected.

New law provides that reports submitted by the commission may include any of the following:

- (1) Recommendations to eliminate, streamline, consolidate, privatize, or outsource agency activities, functions, programs, services, powers, duties, and responsibilities to provide the same or greater type and quality of activity, function, program, or service that will result in cost reduction or greater efficiency or effectiveness.
- (2) Recommendations to ensure that agency activities, functions, programs, and services are necessary, meeting or exceeding performance standards, and meeting the needs of La. citizens.

- (3) Recommendations for the elimination, consolidation, privatization, or outsourcing of an agency to provide a more cost efficient or more effective manner of providing an activity, function, program, or service.
- (4) Recommendations providing for the use of alternative resources to the operation of agencies, activities, functions, programs, and services to provide a more cost-effective manner without impacting the quality or availability of needed services.
- (5) Recommendations for standards, processes, and guidelines for agencies to use in order to review and evaluate government activities, functions, programs, and services to eliminate, streamline, consolidate, privatize, or outsource.

New law requires the commission to submit an initial report of its recommendations, including recommendations requiring legislation or administrative action, to the governor, the Senate president, the House speaker, the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the commissioner of administration, no later than 12/15/09. New law requires that the commission prepare the recommendations in the report as a reorganization plan and submit the plan to the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House and Governmental Affairs Committee for consideration by 1/4/10. New law provides that the committees, meeting as a joint committee, shall review the reorganization plan by 2/1/10, and may recommend adoption of the plan with such additions, deletions, or modifications to the plan as the two committees meeting jointly deem necessary.

New law requires that legislative and executive action necessary to implement the approved reorganization plan be taken as soon as possible.

New law requires the commission to provide a report annually before January 1<sup>st</sup> consisting of the status and implementation of the reorganization plan approved by the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House and Governmental Affairs Committee to the governor, the Senate president, the House speaker, the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the commissioner of administration.

New law provides that the staffs of the Senate, House of Representatives, Legislative Fiscal Office, Legislative Auditor, office of the governor, and division of administration may provide staff support and otherwise assist the commission as requested by the commission. Further provides that the commission may submit a written request for specific support and assistance from the staff of the above agencies.

New law requires each agency and political subdivision to furnish aid, services, and assistance as may be requested by the commission. New law requires, to the extent permitted by the public records law, that each officer, agency, and political subdivision make available all facts, records, information, and data requested by the commission, and in all ways cooperate with the commission in carrying out the functions and duties imposed by New law.

New law authorizes the commission to apply for, contract for, receive, and expend for the purpose of new law any appropriation or grant from the state, its political subdivisions, the federal government, or any other public or private source. New law further provides that the books and records of the commission are subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

New law provides that new law will not be deemed to supercede or limit present law regarding the review and re-creation of state agencies.

New law will become null and of no effect on 1/12/12.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 24:101-109)