
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes procedures for the state archives to take ownership of property deposited with the archives and unclaimed for more than 10 years.

Present law authorizes the state archivist to accept for deposit into the state archives any records or materials of historical value of any La. governor or state official once the governor or official leaves office. Present law also authorizes the deposit of historically significant records of any state or local agency or of the legislature. Present law authorizes the state archivist to oversee the transfer of records deposited with the state archives to public or educational institutions for research or exhibit purposes.

Proposed law authorizes the state archives to claim ownership of any property deposited with the agency for more than 10 years without claim. Proposed law requires the state archivist to publish a notice related to such property for two consecutive weeks. Proposed law provides that if no one claims such property within 65 days after the publication of the second notice, it becomes property of the state archives.

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

(Enacts R.S. 44:417(D))