

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 210 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "209(A)(3) and (9)" and before "and to" insert a comma "," and "to enact R.S. 25:747,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "museum" and before "to provide" delete the semi-colon ";" and insert "and historic preservation;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "properties;" and before "and to" insert "to provide relative to the powers and duties of historic preservation district commissions; to provide relative to the renovation of certain property owned by the state or a parish or municipality; to provide for the review of certain projects; to provide for enforcement; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 19, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 25:747 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§747. Renovation of public historic property

A. In addition to all other applicable provisions of law, the provisions of this Section apply to any restoration, renovation, or other construction work that is greater than two hundred thousand dollars in value and that is performed to the exterior of property owned by the state or a parish or municipality that is designated as a landmark or is a contributing rated structure located within a historic preservation district under this Chapter.

B. The following definitions shall apply in this Section:

(1) "Contributing rated structures" means resources that are designated by a local historic district commission as historically or architecturally significant to a city or community.

(2) "Project" means any restoration, renovation, or other construction work that is greater than two hundred thousand dollars in value and that is performed to the exterior of property owned by the state or a parish or municipality that is designated as a landmark or is a contributing rated structure within a historic preservation district under this Chapter.

C. A project shall adhere to the guidelines and best practices outlined by the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and other relevant preservation best practices, or receive a certificate of appropriateness as prescribed in R.S. 25:738. No such project shall be undertaken without compliance with preservation guidelines and consultation with qualified preservation professionals.

D.(1) Prior to beginning a project, the state or the parish or municipality undertaking the work shall notify the legislators representing the legislative districts in which the property is located and the local historic district commission for the district in which the project is located. The notification shall be submitted in writing, describe the scope of the proposed work, and reference this Section.

(2) A local historic district commission may, at its discretion, choose to undertake the process of review and approval of a project. The decision to review must be made within thirty days after the submittal of the project to the historic district commission.

(3) If a historic district commission chooses to review a project, the state or the parish or municipality undertaking the project shall conduct a public hearing in the parish or municipality where the property is located to solicit public comment on the project.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a local historic district commission shall not undertake the process of review and approval of any emergency repairs undertaken to prevent further damage to property that is owned by the state or a parish or municipality and that is designated as a landmark or is a contributing rated structure located within a historic preservation district.

E. If a planned or active project is not in compliance with the provisions of this Section, the local historic district commission may issue a stop order, or file suit within thirty days from the date of the public hearing in a district court in the parish in which the district is located to seek reversal or modification of the project, injunctive relief, or any other relief provided by law or equity, in order to seek compliance with this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 19, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 20, at the beginning of line 13, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 20, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 4." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 20, after line 14, insert the following:

"Section 6. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall apply prospectively only and shall not apply to any project that begins before August 1, 2025."