

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 450 (SB 210)

2025 Regular Session

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Existing law provides for the organization and structure of the office of the state museum.

New law corrects the names of properties included in the Louisiana State Museum (LSM) system.

New law changes the membership of the board; allows current board members to complete their terms; and provides for transition.

Prior law provided that the board of directors of the LSM be composed of members that included the secretary of the Dept. Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his designee, and other members appointed by the lieutenant governor who had a knowledge and interest in art, history, and cultural restoration. Provided that certain historical and cultural associations and groups were to each submit a list of four names to the lieutenant governor for appointments to the LSM board. Provided that a vacancy on the board were to be filled from a list of four names submitted by the organization to the lieutenant governor.

Prior law provided that the following members composed the LSM board of directors:

- (1) Two members nominated by the Friends of the Cabildo.
- (2) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Society.
- (3) One member nominated by the Louisiana Historical Association.
- (4) One member nominated by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana.
- (5) One member nominated by the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation of the Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Foundation in Patterson.
- (6) Two members nominated by the Louisiana Museum Foundation.
- (7) One member nominated by the Friends of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site.
- (8) One member nominated by the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.
- (9) One member nominated by the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board.
- (10) Two members nominated by the Friends of Capitol Park Museum.
- (11) Seven members are to be appointed from the state at large that will reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the population of the state and encourage statewide representation on the board.

New law provides that, beginning January 15, 2029, the board members are to be appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of names submitted by a nominating entity.

New law requires that the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation collaborate on their choice of nominees with the Friends of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the Northwest Louisiana History Museum. Requires that the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board collaborates with the Friends of the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum on their choice of nominees.

New law adds an additional member to the board of directors selected from a list of three names submitted by the Vieux Carre Commission.

New law provides for additional members to be added to the LSM Board to include the governor, the lieutenant governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, or their designees.

New law clarifies that LSM will manage its collections in accordance with a board approved plan and the American Alliance of Museums compliant collections management manual.

New law provides for commercial and residential leasing of properties and allows the outsourcing of the management of the leasing program.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 25:341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 353, 380.10, 380.14(A), (B), and (C)(2)(b)(iii), and 380.15 and R.S. 36:208(C) and 209(A)(3) and (9); repeals R.S. 25:351, 352, and 380.11 and R.S. 36:801.8)