



Present law provides for appointment by the governor with Senate consent; establishes eligibility restrictions; provides a six-year term; sets compensation; and provides removal procedures requiring legislative approval.

Proposed law retains the appointment process, term, salary protections, political activity restrictions, and removal procedures.

Proposed law adds a provision that if a vacancy exists for more than six months, the holder of the next highest level administrative position shall become inspector general, subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law requires the inspector general to obtain certification as a certified inspector general within one year of appointment if not already certified.

Present law authorizes the inspector general to investigate waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption, including specified examples such as misuse of state property and excessive contract billing.

Proposed law reorganizes and expands the inspector general's duties to include eliminating wasteful spending, improving government efficiency, optimizing and modernizing operations, and strengthening public integrity laws.

Proposed law clarifies reporting requirements by restructuring annual reporting provisions and procedures for agency response prior to report release, including consultation with prosecutorial authorities when criminal investigations may be jeopardized.

Proposed law retains subpoena authority and judicial oversight but reorganizes related provisions for clarity.

Proposed law clarifies and reorganizes provisions regarding access to records of covered agencies and third parties.

Proposed law continues designation of the office as a law enforcement agency for investigative purposes and reiterates that such authority does not include arrest powers.

Proposed law retains authority to conduct joint investigations and to contract for professional services without public bid when reasonably necessary.

Present law provides for appointment of reserve investigators and for their qualifications.

Proposed law repeals this provision.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:220.21, 220.23, and 220.24; repeals R.S. 49:220.26)