

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that the regulatory powers of a historic preservation district commission are to apply to all private property, in the area controlled by the district, including all buildings, structures, areas, sites, and their adjuncts and appurtenances, insofar as they constitute part of the entirety or tout ensemble of the historic section.

New law retains existing law but changes its applicability from private property to all property located within the historic preservation district.

Prior law provided that any governmental agency of the state or local government having a responsibility for any building, structure, area, site, public way and their adjuncts and appurtenances within the historic preservation site are to seek the advice of the historic district commission prior to the initiation of any substantive change, modification, renovation, restoration or construction.

New law retains existing law, as it relates to the requirement that the state or local governing authority seek the advice of the historical commission, but limits the requirement to seek advice from the historic district from substantive changes, modifications, renovations, restorations, or construction activity under prior law to only new construction projects in the locally designated historic district, under new law.

New law provides that, except for state infrastructure projects, a state or local governmental agency is not to commence a new construction project within a locally designated historic district or at a locally designated landmark unless a certificate of appropriateness has been issued by the historic district commission with jurisdiction, unless the requirement is waived by the commission.

New law provides that a historic preservation district commission is authorized to institute a civil cause of action, including for injunctive relief, to enforce the provisions of new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 25:742)