
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; in some cases also abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity; in other cases provides that a different entity is responsible for the functions and responsibilities of the abolished entity.

Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; in some cases also abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity; in other cases provides that some other person or entity is responsible for the functions and responsibilities of the abolished entity, all as follows:

Allen Parish Reservoir District and its board of commissioners: Present law creates the district as a political subdivision of the state to develop the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, economic development, and sanitary purposes, including the creation and maintenance of a lake and other recreational facilities. Provides that the district be governed and controlled by a board of five commissioners. Places the district as an independent agency within the Dept. of Transportation and Development. Proposed law abolishes the district and its board of commissioners.

Historic Cemetery Trust Fund Advisory Board: Present law creates the board to determine the need for an inventory of historic cemeteries and isolated graves to be regulated by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and to maintain any such inventory, to adopt such rules, regulations, standards, and grant application procedures necessary to implement the funding provisions of present law (La. Historic Cemetery Preservation Act), and to establish priorities and criteria to be considered for grants. Proposed law abolishes the board and its functions.

Jean Lafitte Marine Fisheries Museum Governing Board: Present law provides that the Jean Lafitte Marine Fisheries Museum is established under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of State to be a historical, cultural, scientific, technological, and educational institution to research, collect, preserve, and present documents, artifacts, objects of art, and the like that reflect the social, cultural, and economic history of Louisiana's marine and fisheries industry. Provides that the governing board is comprised of thirteen members who have a knowledge of and an interest in historical preservation and the history of the marine and fisheries industry and grants the governing board specific powers and duties regarding the operations of the museum. Proposed law abolishes the governing board, removes all references to the

governing board, and provides that the powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, programs, and operations of the museum shall be exercised by and be under the administration and control of the secretary of state except for those required to be performed and administered by the undersecretary of the Dept. of State.

West Ouachita Parish Reservoir District and its board of commissioners: Present law creates the district as a political subdivision of the state to develop the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, economic development, and sanitary purposes, including the creation and maintenance of a lake and other recreational facilities. Provides that the district be governed and controlled by a board of five commissioners. Places the district as an independent agency within the Dept. of Transportation and Development. Proposed law abolishes the district and its board of commissioners.

Proposed law provides that the property and funds, if any, of the entities abolished by proposed law that are not otherwise transferred by proposed law shall be the property of the state and the state treasurer shall provide for the deposit of such funds in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund, after deposit in the Bond Security and Redemption Funds as provided by law.

(Amends R.S. 25:380.75 and 380.76 and R.S. 36:744(U) and 851(A); Repeals R.S. 25:380.72, 380.73, 933(2), and 941, R.S. 36:209(T), 509(R) and (T), and 801.14, Repeals R.S. 38:3087.171-3087.185, and 3087.241-3087.255)