
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 451

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities

Report adopts with technical changes Senate amendments to:

1. Abolish the La. Commission on Addictive Disorders.
2. Abolish the governing board of directors of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum and transfer authority over the museum to the secretary of state and the Dept. of State.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Remove additional references to the La. Commission on Addictive Disorders.
2. Remove additional reference to the governing board of directors of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum.
3. Remove additional reference to the governing board of the Jean Lafitte Marine Fisheries Museum Governing Board.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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.

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.

South La. Wetlands Discovery Center and its board of commissioners: Present law provides for the center to be a tourist center located in Terrebonne Parish and creates the South La. Wetlands Discovery Center Commission in the parish. Proposed law repeals provisions of present law relative to the center and its board of commissioners.

Chennault Aviation and Military Museum of La. Governing Board: Present law provides that the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum is established under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of State to be a charitable, historical, cultural, scientific, and technological educational institution whose primary purpose shall be to preserve and promote the aviation and military history of La. and the legacy of the men and women who contributed to it. Provides that the governing board is comprised of eight members appointed by the secretary of state and seven members elected by the Friends of the Aviation and Military Museum or its successor organization 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.

La. Commission on Addictive Disorders: Present law creates the commission to provide direct attention to and foster greater awareness and understanding of addictive disorders, to advise the office of behavioral health and others concerning the policy of the state with respect to behavioral health, and to recommend an annual state plan to the office of behavioral health setting forth proposed policy, program initiatives, and goals for each fiscal year relative to the prevention and treatment of behavioral health in this state. Proposed law repeals provisions of present law providing for the commission and its duties and removes references to such provisions.

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. 25:380.74(B), 380.75, 380.76, 380.114(B), 380.115, and 380.116, R.S. 28:771(B)(1), and R.S. 36:744(U) and (Y) and 851(A); Repeals R.S. 25:380.72, 380.73, 380.112, and 380.113 and 1311-1316, R.S. 36:509(R) and (T), 801.14, and 801.18, R.S. 38:3087.171-3087.185, and 3087.241-3087.255, and R.S. 46:2500-2505)