

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New 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: Prior law created 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. Provided that the district be governed and controlled by a board of five commissioners. Placed the district as an independent agency within the Dept. of Transportation and Development. New law abolishes the district and its board of commissioners.

Jean Lafitte Marine Fisheries Museum Governing Board: Existing 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. Prior law provided that the governing board was comprised of thirteen members with a knowledge of and an interest in historical preservation and the history of the marine and fisheries industry and granted the governing board specific powers and duties regarding the operations of the museum. New 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: Prior law created 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. Provided that the district be governed and controlled by a board of five commissioners. Placed the district as an independent agency within the Dept. of Transportation and Development. New law abolishes the district and its board of commissioners.

South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center and its board of commissioners: Prior law provided for the center to be a tourist center located in Terrebonne Parish and created the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Commission in the parish. New law repeals provisions relative to the center and its board of commissioners.

Chennault Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana Governing Board: Existing 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. Prior law provided that the governing board was 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 granted the governing board specific powers and duties regarding the operations of the museum. New 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.

Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders: Prior law created 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. New law repeals provisions providing for the commission and its duties and removes references to such provisions.

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(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)