

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 432 (SB 105)

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Prior law provided for and specifies the allocation and use of space within the state capitol, pentagon courts buildings, and the Old Arsenal Museum, including the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the pentagon courts, and the Old Arsenal Museum. Provided that except as otherwise provided in prior law, the superintendent of state buildings will have charge of the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon courts buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds.

New law retains prior law and makes a technical change in terminology from the superintendent of state buildings to the director of the office of state buildings.

Prior law provided that in the performance of his duties, the superintendent will be under the authority and direction of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate. Further provided that, subject to their joint approval and oversight, the superintendent of state buildings will, among other duties, maintain a memorial honoring law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty and a monument honoring the sacrifices of Gold Star Families.

New law retains prior law making the terminology change to "director", and additionally requires, subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the superintendent of state buildings to:

- (1) Set aside and maintain an appropriate area on the east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Museum known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, for a monument honoring the service and sacrifices of African-American service members, including in the longest siege in American history at Port Hudson during the American Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- (2) Plan, implement, and maintain the monument.

New law specifies that funding sources for the initial construction of the monument will consist solely of private donations, grants, and other nonpublic monies. Provides, however, that public funds may be used to maintain the monument.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 21, 2021).

(Amends R.S. 49:150.1(C), (D), (E)(2),(F), (G)(intro para), (H)(1)(intro para); adds R.S. 49:150.1(I))