

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 756

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKIN

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/ST CAPL: Provides relative to state capitol complex and the allocation of space in the state capitol

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:150.1(A) through (G), (H)(1)(a), and (I)(1)(a), relative the
3 state capitol complex; to provide for the use and allocation of space within the state
4 capitol complex; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:150.1(A) through (G), (H)(1)(a), and (I)(1)(a) are hereby amended
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §150.1. State capitol complex; allocation of space; maintenance; law enforcement
9 officer and firefighter memorial; Gold Star Families monument;
10 African-American military service members monument

11 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and
12 particularly any contrary provision of R.S. 49:146 or R.S. 39:127, the allocation and
13 use of space within the state capitol and any additions or appurtenances thereto,
14 pentagon ~~courts~~ barracks buildings, and the Old Arsenal Magazine Museum shall be
15 as provided in this ~~Subpart~~ Section. ~~The provisions of this Subpart shall apply to the~~
16 ~~subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the~~
17 ~~pentagon courts, and the Old Arsenal Museum.~~

18 B. The fourth floor ~~and three floors~~ through the sixth floor of the state capitol
19 ~~building~~ shall be allocated to and be used by the governor for his office, the offices

1 of the members of his personal staff, and the offices of such other personnel of
2 agencies within the office of the governor as the governor shall determine.

3 C. ~~In addition to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, four floors~~
4 ~~of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the attorney general and~~
5 ~~one~~

6 (1) The third floor of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by
7 the treasurer and the secretary of state commissioner of agriculture. One floor of the
8 state capitol shall be designated for use by the secretary of state and the attorney
9 general. A portion of another floor of the state capitol shall be designated for use by
10 the treasurer for the State Bond Commission.

11 (2) That space leased to members of the press on July 1, 1979, by the
12 division of administration shall constitute the press area of the state capitol and shall
13 be under the control of the governor; provided however, if renovations require
14 temporary or permanent reassignment of the press to another area of the state capitol
15 is required, such reassignment shall be determined and made jointly by the governor,
16 the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate.

17 D. The designation of the ~~eight~~ floors as set forth in Subsections B and C of
18 this Section, not including the fourth floor, shall be jointly determined by the
19 governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the
20 Senate.

21 E.(1) All areas of the state capitol and any additions or appurtenances
22 thereto, pentagon courts barracks buildings, and Old Arsenal Magazine Museum not
23 allocated under the provisions of Subsections B and C of this Section shall be for the
24 sole use of the legislature, its agencies and officers, and the employees of the
25 legislature and its agencies. In addition, the former nurses' dormitory at the Our
26 Lady of the Lake Hospital, located on Capitol Lake, shall be for the sole use of the
27 legislature, its agencies and officers, and the employees of the legislature and its
28 agencies until such time as it shall be renovated in accordance with the Capitol

1 ~~Complex Master Plan and it shall then revert to the control of the division of~~
2 ~~administration.~~

3 (2) ~~The time at which such renovation shall begin shall be determined jointly~~
4 ~~by the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the~~
5 ~~commissioner of administration. The allocation of these areas shall be made by the~~
6 ~~legislature by joint rule or through the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.~~

7 The designation of the use of all areas of the state capitol and any additions
8 or appurtenances thereto not otherwise provided by Sections B and C of this Section
9 shall be determined either jointly by the speaker of the House of Representatives and
10 the president of the Senate or determined by the legislature by joint rule.

11 (3) The pentagon barracks buildings shall be allocated as follows:

12 (a) Building A shall be allocated to the House of Representatives, and
13 allocation and use of space within that building shall be as determined by the speaker
14 of the House of Representatives.

15 (b) Buildings B and C shall be allocated to the House of Representatives and
16 the Senate and the allocation and use of space within those buildings shall be as
17 determined jointly by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
18 of the Senate.

19 (c) Building D shall be allocated to the Senate, and the allocation and use of
20 space within the building shall be as determined by the president of the Senate.

21 (4) The Old Arsenal Magazine Museum shall be allocated to the legislature,
22 and its management and use shall be as determined jointly by the speaker of the
23 House of Representatives and the president of the Senate.

24 F. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the director of the office of
25 state buildings shall have charge of the maintenance of the Old Arsenal Magazine
26 Museum and the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol
27 building, pentagon courts barracks buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the
28 capitol complex grounds. In the performance of the duties specified in this

1 Subsection, the director shall be under the authority and direction of the governor,
2 the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate.

3 G. In accordance with R.S. 25:781 through 785 and subject to the joint
4 approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker
5 of the House of Representatives, the director of the office of state buildings shall:

6 (1) Set aside and maintain an area on the grounds of the state capitol east of
7 the Old Arsenal Magazine Museum for a memorial honoring law enforcement
8 officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty;

9 (2) Plan, implement, and maintain the memorial ~~itself, and~~ .

10 (3) Establish and maintain a fund to consist of private donations, grants, and
11 other similar, but ~~non-state~~ nonstate, monies which he shall use with respect to the
12 establishment, and maintenance of the memorial.

13 H.(1) Subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the
14 president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the director
15 of the office of state buildings shall do all of the following:

16 (a) Set aside and maintain an appropriate area accessible to the public on the
17 east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Magazine
18 Museum known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, for a monument honoring
19 the sacrifices of Louisiana Gold Star Families.

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21 I.(1) Subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the
22 president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the director
23 of the office of state buildings shall do all of the following:

24 (a) Set aside and maintain an appropriate area accessible to the public on the
25 east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Magazine
26 Museum, known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, for a monument
27 honoring the service and sacrifices of African-American military service members
28 and their families throughout the history of the United States of America, including
29 their service and sacrifices in the longest siege in American history at Port Hudson

1 during the American Civil War, and their service and sacrifices in World War I,
2 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Operation Enduring
3 Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, among other conflicts.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the allocation and use of space in the state capitol complex, including specifying the allocation of the pentagon barracks buildings.

Present law relative to the allocation and use of space in the capitol complex, provides that notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the allocation and use of space within the state capitol, pentagon court buildings, and the Old Arsenal Museum, including the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the pentagon court, and the Old Arsenal Museum, shall be as follows:

- (1) The fourth floor and three floors of the state capitol building shall be allocated to and be used by the governor for his office, the offices of the members of his personal staff, and the offices of such other personnel of agencies within the office of the governor as the governor shall determine.
- (2) Four floors of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the attorney general and one floor of the state capitol building shall be designated for use by the treasurer and the secretary of state. That space leased to members of the press on July 1, 1979, by the division of administration shall constitute the press area of the capitol and shall be under the control of the governor; however, if renovations require reassignment of the press, such reassignment shall be determined by the governor, the House speaker, and Senate president.
- (3) The designation of the eight floors set forth in (1) and (2), not including the fourth floor, shall be jointly determined by the governor, the House speaker, and Senate president.
- (4) All areas of the state capitol, pentagon court buildings, and Old Arsenal Museum not allocated in (1) and (2) shall be for the sole use of the legislature. In addition, the former nurses' dormitory at the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, located on Capitol Lake, shall be for the sole use of the legislature until such time as it shall be renovated in accordance with the Capitol Complex Master Plan and it shall then revert to the control of the division of administration. The allocation of these areas shall be made by the legislature by joint rule or through the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.
- (5) Provides that except as otherwise provided in existing law, the superintendent of state buildings shall have charge of the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon court buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds and that in the performance of such duties, the superintendent shall be under the authority and direction of the governor, the House speaker, and the Senate president.

- (6) Provides that subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the Senate president, and House speaker, the superintendent of state buildings shall set aside and maintain areas on the grounds of the state capitol for specified memorials.

Proposed law retains present law except:

- (1) Includes additions or appurtenances to state capitol and deletes specific reference to the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the capitol.
- (2) Changes references from state capitol building to state capitol and Old Arsenal Museum to Old Arsenal Magazine Museum.
- (3) Changes reference from pentagon courts buildings to pentagon barracks buildings and specifies that Building A is allocated to the House, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined by the speaker; Building D is allocated to the Senate, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined by the president; and Buildings B and C are allocated to the House and the Senate, and allocation and use of space within the building is determined jointly by the speaker and the president.
- (4) Deletes reference to the former nurses' dormitory at the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.
- (5) Removes provisions allocating four floors to the attorney general and one floor to the treasurer and secretary of state. Provides for the allocation of one floor of the state capitol for use of those officials. Provides that the third floor is allocated to the treasurer and the commissioner of agriculture. Provides that the treasurer shall have space on another floor for use of the State Bond Commission. Maintains that the designation of the floors to the executive branch officials shall be jointly determined by the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate.
- (6) Specifies that the designation of the floors not otherwise specifically designated shall be jointly determined by the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate or by the legislature by joint rule.

(Amends R.S. 49:150.1(A)-(G), (H)(1)(a), and (I)(1)(a))