

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 903

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

MUSEUMS/STATE MUSEUM: Provides relative to the position of museum director for the Louisiana State Museum

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:343(A), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide
3 relative to the position of museum director; to change the criteria for such position;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 25:343(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §343. Museum director; appointment; powers and duties

8 A. The museum director shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor from
9 a list of up to three candidates nominated by a search committee appointed by the
10 board. The lieutenant governor shall make the appointment no later than sixty days
11 after receiving the list of candidates from the search committee. The board shall
12 establish criteria for the position of director that include but are not limited to
13 possession of a master's degree in Museum Science, or a related field, or experience
14 in a related field, and shall provide clear evidence of successful performance as a
15 skilled professional.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the criteria for the position of museum director of the La. State Museum.

Present law (R.S. 25:341) provides that the La. State Museum is established as a complex of facilities in the cities of Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Patterson, Thibodaux, and Winnfield under the management and supervision of the office of the state museum of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department). Provides that the museum is governed by a board of directors, which includes the secretary of the department, or his designee.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that the museum director be appointed by the Lt. governor from a list of three candidates nominated by a search committee appointed by the board. Requires the board to establish criteria for the position of director that include but are not limited to possession of a master's degree in Museum Science, or a related field, and must provide clear evidence of successful performance as a skilled professional.

Proposed law retains present law allows for fewer than three nominations and expands the criteria for the position of director to include equivalent experience in a related field.

(Amends R.S. 25:343(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Allow for fewer than three nominations from the search committee.