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SENATE BILL NO. 336

BY SENATORS BAJOE, C. FIELDS AND W. FIELDS AND  
REPRESENTATIVES BAYLOR, CLARKSON, COPELIN,  
CURTIS, FARVE, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY,  
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MORRELL, MURRAY, PIERRE, PRATT, QUEZAIRE,  
WELCH, WESTON, WILKERSON AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 17-C of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
to be comprised of R.S. 25:841 through 844, and R.S. 36:209(B)(3),  
relative to state museums; to provide for the creation of the Louisiana  
Civil Rights Museum; to establish this museum as part of the state  
museum system; to establish New Orleans as the place of domicile for  
the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum; to place the museum within the  
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; and to provide for  
related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 25:841 through 844 are hereby enacted to read as  
follows:

CHAPTER 17-C. LOUISIANA CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

**Chapter 17-C is all proposed new law.**

§841. Establishment and location

**R.S. 25:841 is all proposed new law.**

The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum is hereby established as the  
official state civil rights museum. The museum shall be domiciled in  
New Orleans, Louisiana, and shall be operated, managed, and funded  
by the office of the state museum of the Department of Culture,

Recreation and Tourism.

§842. Operating funds

**R.S. 25:842 is all proposed new law.**

The office of the state museum may provide sufficient funds for the proper operation and management of the museum facilities, according to the accepted standards of museum operations, including a competent administrative and professional staff; however, no state funds shall be utilized unless specifically appropriated for this purpose.

§843. Scope of the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum

**R.S. 25:843 is all proposed new law.**

The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum shall be a civil rights historical museum responsible for the collection, preservation, and exhibition of archives, books, charts, documents, maps, records, and other artifacts relative to the evolution, development, and history of civil rights in Louisiana. All properties and the management thereof will be under the jurisdiction of the office of the state museum of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

§844. Donations and grants

**R.S. 25:844 is all proposed new law.**

The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum may directly, or indirectly through the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum or the Louisiana Museum Foundation, receive donations and grants from individuals, corporations, private foundations, and local, state, and federal governmental agencies, entities, or subdivisions in order to further the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 2. R.S. 36:209(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§209. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

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B. \* \* \*

**R.S. 36:209(B)(3) is all proposed new law.**

(3) The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum (R.S. 25:841 et seq.) is placed within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and shall exercise and perform its functions, duties, and responsibilities as provided in Part II of Chapter 22 of this Title.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_