

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL NO. 336

BY SENATORS BAJOE, C. FIELDS AND W. FIELDS

MUSEUMS. Creates the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum.

1 AN ACT

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

13 CHAPTER 17-C. LOUISIANA CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

14 Chapter 17-C is all proposed new law.

15 §841. Establishment and location

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

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

6 §842. Operating funds

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

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

13 §843. Scope of the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum

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

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

22 §844. Donations and grants

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

24 The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum may directly, or indirectly
25 through the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum or the
26 Louisiana Museum Foundation, receive donations and grants from
27 individuals, corporations, private foundations, and local, state, and

1 federal governmental agencies, entities, or subdivisions in order to
2 further the provisions of this Chapter.

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

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

5 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

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7 B. * * *

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

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

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The original instrument was prepared by Ann S. Brown. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Sherry Phillips Hymel.

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DIGEST

Present law places within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the following agencies:

- a. The Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation Museum
- b. The Confederate Memorial Hall
- c. The Wildlife and Fisheries Museum
- d. The Louisiana Cypress Sawmill Museum

Proposed law adds the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and establishes it as the official state civil rights museum in New Orleans.

Provides that the office of state museum may fund the operation and management of the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum.

Proposed law provides that the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum may directly or indirectly accept private donations and governmental grants.

(Adds R.S. 25:841 through 844 and R.S. 36:209(B)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Changes requirement to fund the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum from shall fund to may fund.