New law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; in some cases also abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity; in other cases provides that some other person or entity is responsible for the functions and responsibilities of the abolished entity, all as follows:

Commission on Public Retirement: Prior law created the commission to study and make recommendations concerning the administration, benefits, investments, funding, efficiency, and accountability of the state and statewide public retirement systems, plans, or funds and to advise House and Senate retirement committees of findings and recommendations. New law abolishes the commission and its functions.

Compensation Review Commission: Prior law created the commission to make a study of the salaries, expenses, reimbursements, and other forms of compensation and benefits of statewide elected officials and members of the legislature. Provided that recommended salaries would become effective upon legislative approval of them by concurrent resolution. New law abolishes the commission and its functions.

Emergency/Disaster Medicine Review Panel: Prior law created the panel to gauge the conduct of medical personnel with regard to clinical judgment during declared disasters and to provide an independent and objective advisory opinion. New law abolishes the panel and its functions.

La. Governor's Mansion Commission: Prior law created the commission to protect and enhance the governor's mansion and its contents, furnishings, and grounds. New law abolishes the commission and its functions.

Hurricane Katrina Memorial Commission: Prior law created the commission to make recommendations for an appropriate memorial to commemorate those who lost their lives in La. in Hurricane Katrina. Provided that the commission terminated July 1, 2010. New law removes provisions for the board and its functions from the statutes.

Offshore Terminal Authority: Existing law creates the authority within the Dept. of Transportation and Development to promote, plan, finance, develop, construct, control, license, regulate, supervise, operate, manage, maintain, and modify offshore terminal facilities within its jurisdiction. Prior law provided for a board of commissioners to govern the authority and provided that the board would appoint an executive director to exercise control over all executive functions and the general operation of the authority. New law abolishes the board of commissioners but generally retains the existence and the powers and duties of the authority. Provides that the governor shall appoint the executive director.

Small Business Entrepreneurship Commission: Prior law created the commission to assess, evaluate, and review programs dealing with small business and entrepreneurship. New law abolishes the commission and its functions.

La. Technology Innovations Council: Prior law created the council to establish policies, procedures, and criteria relative to innovative technological systems and services and their applications to government and to recommend funding for proposed projects that met established requirements. Provided for the La. Technology Innovations Fund. New law abolishes the council and its functions and the fund.

La. Wetlands Conservation and Hurricane Protection Tourist Center Commission: Prior law created the commission to promote awareness of wetlands conservation and to collect, preserve, and exhibit documents, archives, and other artifacts that promote wetlands conservation and hurricane protection. New law abolishes the commission and its functions.

Youth Enhanced Services Consortium: Prior law created the consortium to prepare a plan for the Dept. of Health and Hospitals on the provision of mental health services to emotionally disturbed children. New law abolishes the consortium and its functions.

Existing law, relative to the La. Soybean and Grain Research and Promotion Board, creates the La. Soybean and Grain Research and Promotion Board in the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to promote the growth and development of the soybean, wheat, corn, and grain sorghum industries by research and advertisement. Provides that the governor appoints 10 members to the board from nominations made by the Farm Bureau and the La. Soybean Association. New law provides for two additional members of the board who shall be producers of wheat, corn, or grain sorghum nominated by the La. Cotton and Grain Association and appointed by the governor.

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