

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 657

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

PUBLIC LANDS/STATE: Provides with respect to the qualifications of the state archaeologist

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 41:1603(B), relative to the Department of Culture, Recreation,  
3 and Tourism; provides relative to the division of archaeology; provides relative to  
4 the minimum qualifications of the state archaeologist; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 41:1603(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1603. Division of archaeology; state archaeologist

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10 B. There is hereby created the position of state archaeologist. The state  
11 archaeologist shall hold a ~~doctor of philosophy~~ master of arts degree in anthropology  
12 or a related field with ~~specialization in archaeological research~~ a concentration in  
13 archaeology and shall have demonstrated exceptional ability and interest in the  
14 protection and preservation of archaeological treasures for the benefit of the citizens  
15 of this state. The state archaeologist shall function as director of the division.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides with respect to the minimum qualifications of the state archaeologist.

Present law provides for the establishment of a division of archaeology within the office of cultural development of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. Provides for the creation of the position of state archaeologist. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the state archaeologist shall hold a doctor of philosophy degree in anthropology, with specialization in archaeological research.

Proposed law provides instead that the state archeologist shall hold a master of arts degree in anthropology or a related field, with a concentration in archaeology.

(Amends R.S. 41:1603(B))