

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~~, at a minimum, a master's degree in
12 anthropology or a related field with ~~specialization in archaeological research a~~
13 concentration in archaeology and shall have demonstrated exceptional ability and
14 interest in the protection and preservation of archaeological treasures for the benefit
15 of the citizens of this state. The state archaeologist shall function as director of the
16 division.

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 at a minimum a master's degree in anthropology or a related field, with a concentration in archaeology.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Relative to the proposed qualifications of the state archaeologist, specifies that the required master's degree is a minimum requirement and deletes the requirement that the required master's degree shall be a master of arts degree.