

SENATE BILL NO. 238

BY SENATOR CHABERT

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 35 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 25:1321 through 1326, relative to establishing the Leeville Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for membership and domicile; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for donations and grants; to provide for operating funds; to provide for rules; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 35 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 25:1321 through 1326, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 35. LEEVILLE FISHING VILLAGE AND CULTURAL
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

§1321. Legislative intent

The legislature hereby recognizes that it is appropriate to establish a commission to preserve the culture of and promote tourism for the Leeville Fishing Village in Lafourche Parish.

§1322. Creation; domicile; membership

A. The Leeville Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission, referred to in this Chapter as the "commission", is hereby created as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

B. The domicile of the commission shall be located in Lafourche Parish.

C. The purpose of the commission shall be to promote preservation of

1 the culture of and tourism in Lafourche Parish, including the Leeville Fishing
2 Village.

3 D. The commission shall include the following members:

4 (1) One member appointed by the councilman elected to represent the
5 ninth council district of the Lafourche Parish Council.

6 (2) One member appointed by the Lafourche Parish president.

7 (3) One member appointed by the senator elected to represent the
8 twentieth senatorial district.

9 (4) One member appointed by the representative elected to represent the
10 fifty-fourth representative district.

11 (5) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor.

12 E. Each member of the commission shall be a resident of or own
13 property within Lafourche Parish.

14 F. Each member of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the
15 person appointing the member.

16 G. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

17 §1323. Powers and duties of the commission

18 A. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
19 quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions of the
20 commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members
21 present and voting.

22 B. The commission shall:

23 (1) Meet at least once each quarter at the call of the commission
24 chairman.

25 (2) Adopt bylaws establishing policies and procedures for its
26 governance, including but not limited to the following:

27 (a) The election and responsibilities of the officers of the commission,
28 including a chairman and vice chairman.

29 (b) The appointment, duties, and functions of standing and special
30 committees of the commission, including the appointment of noncommission

1 members to such committees and their functions.

2 (c) The preparation of a budget and plan for sufficient funding.

3 (3) Establish and use an identifying seal pertaining to commission
4 business.

5 C. The commission may:

6 (1) Individually, or in cooperation with any nonprofit corporation
7 established to support the commission, seek and expend funds from any source,
8 public or private, to support programs of the commission.

9 (2) Authorize reports and recommendations which include the issuance,
10 publication, or distribution of general information documents or pamphlets,
11 which are published on a regular basis and are generally known as newsletters.

12 (3) Acquire by purchase, lease as lessee, and hold and use any property,
13 movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, or any interest therein
14 necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this Chapter and sell,
15 lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any such property acquired by it.

16 D. All public works contracted by the commission shall be subject to,
17 and in accordance with, Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
18 of 1950.

19 §1324. Donations and grants

20 The parish governing authority of Lafourche Parish and the commission,
21 jointly or separately, may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of any private or
22 public funds in the form of donations of money, grants, property, or personal
23 services from individuals, corporations, and governments to achieve the
24 purposes of this Chapter.

25 §1325. Operating funds; appropriations by the legislature

26 Funds appropriated by the legislature for operation of the Leeville
27 Fishing Village and Cultural Preservation Commission shall be used solely for
28 that purpose and in accordance with the budget plan developed by the
29 commission.

30 §1326. Rules and regulations

1 **The commission shall establish policies, rules, and regulations for the**
2 **operation of the commission in accordance with the Administrative Procedure**
3 **Act.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____