

ACT No. 772

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SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR MICHOT AND REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(e), R.S. 39:141(A)(1) and (3) and (B), 143(3), 199(C), (D), and (E), 212(A)(3) and (B), 301(A) and (B), 302, and 1752(1), (6), and (9), and R.S. 49:1053(B) and 1054(9), to enact Subpart C of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:15.1 through 15.6, Subpart D of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:16.1 through 16.5, R.S. 39:141(A)(10), 1752(12) and (13), and R.S. 49:1053(C)(18) and to repeal R.S. 39:196(C) and R.S. 39:290 through 298, relative to information technology; to establish the office of information technology; to provide for the offices, staff, and duties of that office; to provide for the chief information officer; to provide for his duties and responsibilities; to create the Louisiana Information Technology Advisory Board and provide for its membership, duties, and activities; to create the Louisiana Technology Advisory Group and provide for its membership, duties, and activities; to establish the office of electronic services; to provide for the duties of that office; to provide for a catalog in electronic format of databases in Louisiana; to provide relative to the duties of the office of telecommunications management; to provide

relative to certain procurement activities; to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Technology Innovations Council; to provide relative to the Advisory Council for Technology Access by Individuals with Disabilities and to provide for its membership; to provide relative to the definition of certain systems within the area of telecommunications systems and services; to provide relative to the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; to repeal the provisions creating the Louisiana Data Base Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subpart C of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:15.1 through 15.6, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART C. OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Subpart C is all new law.

§15.1. Office of information technology; scope

R.S. 39:15.1 is all new law.

The office of information technology shall have authority over all information technology systems and services for agencies in the executive branch of state government. The office shall have no authority over the legislative or judicial branches of state government or agencies thereof.

§15.2. Office of information technology; chief information officer

R.S. 39:15.2 is all new law.

A. The office of information technology is established within the division of administration. This office shall be headed by the chief information officer, hereafter referred to in this Part as the "CIO." The

CIO will serve as the spokesperson for all matters related to information technology and resources, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), with regard to policies, standard setting, deployment, strategic and tactical planning, acquisition, management, and operations as necessary and in keeping with the industry trends of the private and public sectors. Rules and regulations shall be promulgated, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Subpart.

B. The CIO shall be appointed by the governor and serve in the executive department of the division of administration, and shall be in the unclassified service. The CIO shall report to the commissioner of administration concerning his responsibilities to provide direction, stewardship, leadership, and general oversight of information technology and information resources. The salary of the CIO shall be determined by the commissioner of administration. Support staff, office facilities, and operating expenses shall be provided by the division of administration.

C. The CIO shall also perform all duties and functions that the commissioner of administration deems necessary for the proper, efficient, and economical administration of information technology.

D. The CIO shall be the principal adviser to the governor and the executive cabinet on information technology policy, including policy on the acquisition and management of information technology and resources.

§15.3. Office of information technology; offices and staff; duties

R.S. 39:15.3 is all new law.

A. The office of information technology shall consist of

executive offices and staff as deemed necessary for effective information technology governance, including but not limited to the following two executive offices, each headed by an executive director:

- (1) Office of telecommunications management.
- (2) Office of electronic services.

B. The CIO shall manage and direct the office of information technology, with roles, duties, and activities including but not limited to the following:

(1) Overseeing and implementing a state master information technology plan on an annual basis with the advice of the Information Technology Advisory Board, the Technology Advisory Group, and the Postsecondary Education IT Council.

(2) Establishing and directing the implementation of information technology standards, architecture, and guidelines suitable for statewide application for hardware, software, services, contractual arrangements, consolidation of systems and management of systems.

(3) Reviewing, coordinating, and standardizing information technology strategic business technology planning, information technology procurement, information technology budgeting (both executive and capital outlay), and information technology personnel and training.

(4) Implementing strategic information technology planning, including the review and approval of the planning, initiation, design, acquisition, and operation of information technology systems.

(5) Assessing the performance of information technology systems and technology operations and personnel including establishing accountability, performance measurement, and benchmarking policies

and procedures.

(6) Overseeing and coordinating the centralization of the technology systems and data processing systems, including consolidation, outsourcing, and sharing statewide government information technology resources and services.

(7) Overseeing all telecommunication systems.

(8) Assuring compatibility and connectivity of Louisiana's information systems.

(9) Facilitating and fostering innovative applications of emerging technologies that provide cost effective solutions for improving government operations and services.

(10) Reviewing and overseeing information technology projects and systems for compliance with statewide strategies, policies, and standards, including alignment with state government's business goals, investment, and other risk management policies.

(11) Providing support and technical assistance to the office of state purchasing, the office of contractual review, the office of facility planning and control, the office of planning and budget, and the Louisiana Technology Innovations Council.

(12) Providing direction to the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council.

(13) Identifying information technology applications that should be statewide in scope, and ensuring that these applications are not developed independently or duplicated by individual state agencies of the executive branch.

(14) Reviewing and approving the receipt by executive agencies of information technology goods and services and telecommunication

systems and services from non-appropriated sources, including but not limited to grants, donations, and gifts.

(15) Preparing annual reports and plans concerning the status and result of the state's specific information technology plans and submitting these annual reports and plans to the governor and the legislature.

(16) Facilitating and fostering the identification of the policy and planning data needs of the state.

(17) Overseeing and coordinating the identification of databases in the state and the creation of a catalog maintained in electronic format of those databases.

(18) Charging respective user agencies for the cost of the information technology services provided by the office of information technology.

C. To accomplish the work of the office of information technology, all agencies as defined in R.S. 39:2 shall cooperate with the office of information technology and provide assistance as required. However, if the office of information technology and a statewide elected official cannot jointly agree on an information technology plan, system, or service for any agency under his jurisdiction, then he may implement an information technology plan, system or service of his own, upon finding just cause to do so and after giving notice of his actions and reason therefore at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Prior to implementation, any such information technology plan, system or service adopted by a statewide elected official shall be as compatible as is practical under the circumstances with the state master technology plan.

D. The information, technology, personnel, agency resources, and records of the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System as established by R.S. 15:1228-1228.8 and its components shall be excluded from the provisions of this Part and shall not be under the authority of the office of information technology.

§15.4. Louisiana Information Technology Advisory Board

R.S. 39:15.4 is all new law.

A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Information Technology Advisory Board, hereafter referred to in this Part as the "IT Advisory Board." The roles, duties and activities of the board shall be the following:

(1) Advise the CIO on approaches to coordinating information technology solutions among Louisiana state government entities.

(2) Provide a forum for the discussion of emerging technologies that enhance electronic accessibility to various publicly funded sources of information and services.

(3) Advise the CIO in matters regarding the use of information technology.

(4) Provide advice and support as requested by the CIO.

(5) Advise the CIO on approaches to encourage and support the use of Louisiana domiciled vendors when procuring information technology systems, related equipment, related services, and software.

B. The IT Advisory Board shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The chief executive officer from each department within the scope of authority of the office of information technology.

(2) One representative from postsecondary education appointed

by the governor from a list of recommendations submitted by the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Information Technology Council.

(3) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

(4) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

(5) The chief justice or his designee.

(6) One representative from the office of the governor, appointed by the governor.

(7) Five members appointed by the governor.

(8) Each statewide elected official, other than the governor, or his designee.

C. The chairman of the IT Advisory Board shall be elected by the board.

§15.5. Louisiana Technology Advisory Group

R.S. 39:15.5 is all new law.

A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Technology Advisory Group, hereafter referred to in this Part as the "Technology Advisory Group" or "TAG." The roles, duties, and activities of the board shall be the following:

(1) Serve as the technology counterpart to the IT Advisory Board, providing advice and support as requested.

(2) Advise the CIO on technology approaches to coordinating information technology solutions among state government entities.

(3) Provide a forum for the discussion of emerging technologies that enhance electronic accessibility to various publicly funded sources of information and services.

(4) Provide technical resources to assist the CIO in the

development and implementation of statewide information technology plans, policies, architecture, standards, and guidelines.

(5) Provide advice and support as requested by the CIO.

(6) Provide assistance to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as required under the provisions of R.S. 39:15.3(C).

B. The Technology Advisory Group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) One information technology representative from each department within the scope of authority of the office of information technology to be appointed by the chief executive officer of that department.

(2) One information technology representative from postsecondary education to be appointed by the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Information Technology Council.

(3) One information technology representative from the Senate to be designated by the president of the Senate.

(4) One information technology representative from the House of Representatives to be designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) One information technology representative from the judicial branch to be designated by the chief justice.

(6) One information technology representative from the office of the governor, to be appointed by the governor.

(7) Five members to be appointed by the CIO.

C. The chairman of the Technology Advisory Group shall be elected by the group.

§15.6. Louisiana Postsecondary Education Information Technology

Council

R.S. 39:15.6 is all new law.

A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Information Technology Council, hereafter referred to in this Part as the "Postsecondary Education IT Council". The roles, duties, and activities of the Postsecondary Education IT Council shall be the following:

(1) Advise and assist the CIO specifically with respect to issues, policies, strategic planning, management, and operations relative to information technology for postsecondary education.

(2) Review, evaluate, and assess the impact of proposed policies, standards, and guidelines on deployment, strategic planning, acquisition, management, and operations of information technology systems of the postsecondary education system and institutions.

(3) Study and examine the issue of standardization of information systems and operations within the postsecondary education system.

(4) Make recommendations to the CIO as to implementation of the provisions of this Part with respect to postsecondary education.

(5) Adopt policies and procedures for its operation.

B. The Postsecondary Education IT Council shall be comprised of the following members, or their designees:

(1) The commissioner of higher education who shall serve as chairman.

(2) The president of the Louisiana State University System.

(3) The president of the Southern University System.

(4) The president of the University of Louisiana System.

(5) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

(6) The chancellors of the institutions of the Louisiana State University System.

(7) The chancellors of the institutions of the Southern University System.

(8) The presidents of the institutions of the University of Louisiana System.

(9) The chancellors of the institutions of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

C. The Postsecondary Education IT Council is authorized to establish an executive committee, which shall consist of the commissioner of higher education or his designee, the president of the Louisiana State University System or his designee, the president of the Southern University System or his designee, the president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee, and the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System or his designee. The Postsecondary Education IT Council may provide for additional membership and institutional representation on the executive committee and may authorize the executive committee to act on its behalf on any matters specified by the council.

D. The members of the Postsecondary Education IT Council, and their designees, shall not be compensated for their service on the council or on the executive committee.

Section 2. Subpart D of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:16.1 through 16.5, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART D. OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES

Subpart D is all new law.

§16.1. Office of electronic services; scope

R.S. 39:16.1 is all new law.

The office of electronic services shall have authority for all the duties set forth in R.S. 39:16.3 for agencies in the executive branch of state government. The office shall have no authority over the legislative or judicial branches of state government or agencies thereof.

§16.2. Office of electronic services; creation and authority

R.S. 39:16.2 is all new law.

The office of electronic services is established within the division of administration and shall be headed by the state director of the office of electronic services, under the supervision and control of the CIO. The director of the office of electronic services may delegate authority to such designees or to any governmental body as the director may deem appropriate within the limitations of state law and regulations. Rules and regulations shall be promulgated as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Subpart.

§16.3. Duties of the office of electronic services

R.S. 39:16.3 is all new law.

A. The office of electronic services shall have the following duties:

- (1) To identify the policy and planning data needs of the state.
- (2) To provide for a catalog maintained in electronic format of databases in the state.
- (3) To coordinate mutual data needs of the state.
- (4) To encourage cooperative endeavors between public entities

and private individuals, businesses, or nonprofit corporations in the development, enhancement, and sharing of databases, information and information services.

(5) To provide for the uniformity, accuracy, format, and timeliness of the catalog.

(6) To create or to authorize or contract with another public entity to provide a clearinghouse for information on location, scope, format, access, and availability of data in Louisiana.

(7) To provide for the voluntary inclusion of private sector and nonprofit corporation data and information resources in the catalog.

(8) To define the Louisiana Database.

(9) To establish and maintain a statewide plan for using electronic technology to enhance and improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and timeliness of providing access to information, delivery of state services, and conduct of state business.

(10) To coordinate with state agencies to provide and maintain an electronic directory of all state services.

(11) To ensure that the directory of state services is electronically accessible to state personnel, other public sector, private sector, nonprofits, and citizens.

(12) To facilitate a process among state agencies to identify services that are favorable for electronic delivery.

(13) To coordinate endeavors to implement electronic delivery of services for which electronic delivery has been determined to be favorable.

(14) To determine mutual technology and process needs of state agencies to provide for information access and electronic delivery of

services and to coordinate endeavors to promote technology sharing and facilitation of statewide capabilities to meet these needs.

(15) To provide an Internet portal to serve as the gateway to all state information that is electronically available online from agency web sites.

(16) To coordinate statewide standards for electronic access to and dissemination of information and resources made available through state agency web sites.

(17) To ensure that the Louisiana Database and other state data, informational resources, and electronically delivered services are accessible to all departments and branches of state government, other public sectors, the private sectors, nonprofits, and citizens.

(18) To maintain the confidentiality and privacy of protected data while encouraging as much access to state information as possible by government entities and other interested persons.

(19) To provide for coordination of geographic data, geographic technology, and geographic standards of the state.

(20) To facilitate access to state online resources by individuals with disabilities, economic, or geographic impediments.

(21) To charge respective user agencies for the cost of the information technology services provided by the office of electronic services, including the cost of the operation of the office. These costs shall be charged in a consistent and equitable manner.

§16.4. Catalog

R.S. 39:16.4 is all new law.

The office of electronic services shall provide for the creation of a catalog in electronic format of databases in Louisiana. The catalog

shall contain relevant information that identifies the existence, location, scope, format, access, and other information as determined by the office; however, no information that is declared confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure as a public record by law or is protected by a valid license agreement or contract shall be included in the catalog entry identifying that database. The catalog entry shall contain a notation as prescribed by the office that the data is confidential or otherwise protected from public disclosure.

§16.5. Required information; exceptions

R.S. 39:16.5 is all new law.

A. All departments and agencies of all branches of government shall cooperate with the office of electronic services in providing and maintaining information related to the Louisiana Database and other electronically available state data, informational resources, and electronically delivered services of the state.

B. No department or agency shall be required to furnish information that is declared confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure as a public record by law or data protected by contract or licensing agreements. However, every department and agency shall provide information on such data that is required to catalog the data.

Section 3. R.S. 39:141(A)(1) and (3) and (B), 143(3), 199(C), (D), and (E), 212(A)(3) and (B), 301(A) and (B), 302, and 1752(1), (6), and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 39:141(A)(10), and 1752(12) and (13) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§141. Duties of the office of telecommunications management

A. The office of telecommunications management shall have the following duties:

(1) To establish and coordinate all telecommunications systems and telecommunications services affecting the management and operations of the executive branch of state government. Telecommunications systems, including equipment and related services, and telecommunications services shall mean the equipment and services and means necessary to provide:

- (a) Telecommunications transmission facilities and services.
- (b) Voice telecommunications systems and services.

R.S. 39:141(A)(1)(c) is all new law.

- (c) Local area network systems and services.

R.S. 39:141(A)(1)(d) is all new law.

- (d) Wide area network systems and services.

R.S. 39:141(A)(1)(e) is all new law.

(e) Video systems and services, except those video systems and services specifically reserved to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority pursuant to R.S. 17:2501.

~~(e)~~**(f)** Wireless systems and services to include, but not be limited to, cellular and personal communications systems.

~~(d)~~**(g)** Radio systems, to include but not be limited to two-way radio systems; however, the operational abilities and priorities of two-way communications of the departments in the executive branch shall not be impeded.

~~(e)~~**(h)** Intercom and electro-mechanical paging systems.

~~(f)~~**(i)** Any and all systems and services based on emerging and future telecommunications technologies relating to Subparagraphs (a) through ~~(e)~~ **(h)** of this Paragraph.

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(3) To charge respective user agencies for the cost of the telecommunications systems and telecommunications services provided by the office of telecommunications management including the cost of the operation of the office. These costs shall be charged in a consistent and equitable manner.

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R.S. 39:141(A)(10) is all new law.

(10) To manage, with the concurrence of the building owner, access by telecommunications common carriers to state facilities.

B. Agencies shall cooperate with the office of telecommunications management's fulfillment of the office's duties as established by this Part. However, nothing provided in this Part shall be construed to preempt the authorities granted to the higher education boards in Article VIII of the Constitution of Louisiana.

§143. Definitions

The following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

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(3) "Utility" means any telecommunications service provided by the office of telecommunications management and used in the essential operations of a state agency, such as local dial tone, wide area network, and local area network.

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§199. Methods of procurement

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C. Method for procuring maintenance services. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part, any agency may procure maintenance services for data processing equipment without

the need for competitive bidding. Such procurement must have the written advance approval of the state central purchasing agency and shall not be for a price greater than the vendor's published price. **The procurement support team shall develop and deliver to the office of state purchasing and the office of information technology proposed rules establishing guidelines for procurement activities under this Part. Upon approval of the office of information technology, the office of state purchasing shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

D. Method for procuring software and software maintenance and support services. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part, any agency may procure data processing software, software maintenance, and support services without the need for competitive bidding. Such procurement must have the written advance approval of the state central purchasing agency and shall not be for a price greater than the vendor's published price. **The procurement support team shall develop and deliver to the office of state purchasing and the office of information technology proposed rules establishing guidelines for procurement activities under this Part. Upon approval of the office of information technology, the office of state purchasing shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

E. Method for procuring microcomputer equipment, word processing equipment, software, and maintenance services. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part, any agency may procure **by purchase, rental, or lease** microcomputer equipment, word processing equipment, software, and maintenance services through

name brand contracts awarded by the state central purchasing agency in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 39:1551 through 1736. Such procurement must have the written advance approval of the state central purchasing agency. The terms and conditions of such name brand contracts may be amended by the central purchasing office.

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§212. The Louisiana Technology Innovations Council

A. The Louisiana Technology Innovations Council, hereafter referred to in this Part as the "council", is hereby created within the office of the governor and shall be composed of five individuals as follows:

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(3) ~~The commissioner of administration, or his designee.~~ **chief information officer.**

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~~B. The council shall elect a chairman from its membership.~~ **chief information officer shall serve as chairman.**

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§301. Advisory Council for Technology Access by ~~the Visually Impaired~~ **Individuals with Disabilities**

A. There is hereby created the Advisory Council for Technology Access by ~~the Visually Impaired~~ **Individuals with Disabilities**, hereafter referred to as "council", within the ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission (Part VIII of this Chapter)~~, office of the governor, division of administration, **office of information technology.**

The council shall advise the ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission~~ **chief information officer** in all matters pertaining to accessibility of public

databases by individuals who are ~~blind or visually impaired~~ **disabled** and shall perform other duties as assigned by the ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission~~ **chief information officer**.

B. The council shall be composed of ~~nine~~ **eleven** members as follows:

(1) Five members appointed by the governor from the general public of whom at least a majority shall be ~~blind or visually impaired~~ **disabled**, and one such member shall be a representative of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network, **and at least two such members shall be blind or visually impaired**. Appointments shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

(2) The remaining members shall be the heads of the following departments or agencies or their designees:

- (a) Department of Education.
- (b) Department of Labor.
- (c) Division of administration.
- (d) State agency for vocational rehabilitation services.

R.S. 39:301(B)(2)(e) is all new law.

(e) Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.

R.S. 39:301(B)(2)(f) is all new law.

(f) Governor's office of disability affairs.

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§302. Adaptation for the ~~blind or visually impaired~~ **disabled**

To the extent possible, and except as constrained by its appropriation for technology purchases, a state agency shall take reasonable steps relative to procurement to ensure that state employees who are ~~blind or visually impaired~~ **disabled** have access to data

processing equipment, related services, and software that has been adapted in a manner to enable such technology to be used by such ~~blind or visually impaired~~ **disabled** state employees to the extent necessary to perform job-related duties.

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§1752. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

(1) "Telecommunications systems", which shall include telecommunications equipment and related services, and "telecommunications services" are limited to the equipment and services and means to provide:

- (a) Telecommunications transmission facilities and services.
- (b) Voice telecommunications systems and services.

R.S. 39:1752(1)(c) is all new law.

- (c) Local area network systems and services.

R.S. 39:1752(1)(d) is all new law.

- (d) Wide area network systems and services.

R.S. 39:1752(1)(e) is all new law.

(e) Video systems and services, except those video systems and services specifically reserved to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority pursuant to R.S. 17:2501.

~~(e)~~**(f)** Wireless systems and services to include, but not be limited to, cellular and personal communications systems.

~~(d)~~**(g)** Radio systems, to include but not be limited to two-way radio systems; however, the operational abilities and priorities of two-way communications of the departments in the executive branch

shall not be impeded.

(~~e~~)(**h**) Intercom and electro-mechanical paging systems.

(~~f~~)(**i**) Any and all systems and services based on emerging and future telecommunications technologies relating to Subparagraphs (a) through (~~e~~)(**h**) of this Paragraph.

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(6) "Procurement" means the selling, buying, purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise obtaining telecommunications systems, telecommunications services, **or their related software** as well as all activities engaged in, resulting in, or expected to result in the selling, buying, purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise obtaining telecommunications systems, telecommunications services, **or their related software** by the state or its agencies.

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(9) "Utility" means any telecommunications service provided by the office of telecommunications management and used in the essential operations of a state agency, such as local dial tone, **wide area network, and local area network.**

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R.S. 39:1752(12) is all new law.

(12) "Local area network" means a limited distance data processing/communications network or system used to link computers and peripheral devices.

R.S. 39:1752(13) is all new law.

(13) "Wide area network" means a data processing/communications network or system generally utilizing common carrier facilities to link geographically dispersed local area networks to other

local area networks or computer systems.

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Section 4. R.S. 49:1053(B) and 1054(9) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:1053(C)(18) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1053. Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council; creation; membership; quorum; domicile

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B. The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council, hereafter referred to as "council", shall be placed within the ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission, (Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39), office of the governor, division of administration~~ **division of administration, office of information technology, office of electronic services.**

C. The council shall be composed of the following members:

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R.S. 49:1053(C)(18) is all new law.

(18) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts, appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by such association and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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§1054. Duties of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council shall have the following duties:

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(9) To coordinate GIS activities in state government with the

activities of the ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission~~ **office of information technology, office of electronic services** as provided in R.S. 39:291 et seq.

Section 5. R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state government.

(1) The following agencies and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are hereby transferred to the office of the governor:

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(e) The ~~Louisiana Data Base Commission (Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39)~~ **office of information technology (R.S. 39:15.1-15.6), the office of electronic services (R.S. 39:16.1-16.5)**, including the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council (R.S. 49:1051-1057) and the Advisory Council for Technology Access by ~~the Visually Impaired~~ **Individuals with Disabilities** (R.S. 39:301 et seq.), within the division of administration.

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Section 6. R.S. 39:196(C) and R.S. 39:290 through 298 are hereby repealed.

Section 7. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to change the title of Part VIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 from "Electronic Access to Public Records for Individuals Who are Visually Impaired" to "Electronic Access to Public Records for Individuals with Disabilities."

Section 8. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____