
DIGEST

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HB No. 314

Abstract: 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.

Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, 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:

Advisory Council of the La. Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education:

Present law creates the La. Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education to conduct research and promote education in marine sciences and marine technology, particularly where related to coastal resources and the impact of energy-related industries upon these coastal resources. Provides for an executive board to administer the affairs of the consortium. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the executive board to create an advisory board to meet as necessary to respond to requests of the executive board for advice and information as well as to provide the executive board with the benefit of perspectives represented on the council. Proposed law repeals present law.

Council of 100: Present law places this entity (which was previously created by executive order in 1978) within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Proposed law repeals present law.

Executive Committee of the La. Systemic Initiatives Program Council: Present law creates La. Systemic Initiatives Program for the improvement of the quality of science and mathematics education through a committed and cooperative effort among agencies involved in higher education, elementary and secondary education, and the National Science Foundation. Provides for the La. Systemic Initiatives Program Council to administer the program. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the council to establish an executive committee to act for the council in its absence, subject to certain restrictions. Proposed law repeals present law.

Governor's State Manpower Services Council: Present law places this entity (which was previously created by executive order in 1976) within the La. Workforce Commission. Proposed law repeals present law.

La. Higher Education Executive Advisory Committee: Present law creates the committee to consider matters relating to education and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents as the committee deems necessary. Requires the committee to submit a list of nominees for selection of a higher education faculty member for the economic, demographic, and revenue estimating conferences. Proposed law abolishes the committee and provides that the Board of Regents submit the list of nominees required by present law. Relative to the nominees for the revenue estimating conference, requires the Board of Regents to consult with the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities.

La. Political Museum and Hall of Fame Advisory Board: Present law creates the La. Political Museum and Hall of Fame under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law creates an advisory board to provide for the governance and operation of the museum and to advise the lieutenant governor on all matters relating to the operations of the museum. Proposed law repeals present law.

Ozarks Regional Commission: Present law recognizes the commission as created by executive order in 1972 and transfers its duties, staff, facilities, and programs to the office of the governor. Proposed law repeals present law.

Postsecondary Education Review Commission: Present law creates the commission to review postsecondary education and report to the Board of Regents prior to the 2010 R.S. Provides for the termination of the commission on Aug. 1, 2010. Proposed law removes provisions for the commission and its functions from the statutes.

Proposed law removes references in present law (Title 36—Organization of the Executive Branch of State Government) to the following previously abolished entities:

Board of Directors for the La. Infrastructure Bank

Board of Directors for Regional Education Service Centers

Minority Health Professions Education Foundation

(Amends R.S. 25:380.145(A) and R.S. 39:21.3(A)(2)(e) and (B)(2)(e) and 22(1); Repeals R.S. 17:2758(A)(4), 3129.2, 3138, and 3453(F), R.S. 25:380.142 and 380.143, R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(q), 209(J)(3) and (Y), 309(C)(3), 650(B), 651(N), (R), and (V), and 769(K), and R.S. 49:667)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs
to the original bill.

1. Requires the Board of Regents to consult with the president of the La. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities prior to submitting the list of nominees for selection of a higher education faculty member for the revenue estimating conferences.