

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 770

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 23 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 25:1011 through 1016, and R.S.36:4(S), relative to boards and commissions;
4 to establish the Louisiana Governor's Mansion Commission; to provide for the
5 membership and powers, duties, and functions of the commission; to authorize the
6 commission to establish advisory committees; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 23 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
9 comprised of R.S. 25:1011 through 1016, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 23. LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S MANSION COMMISSION

11 §1011. Establishment; purpose

12 The Louisiana Governor's Mansion Commission, hereafter in this Chapter
13 referred to as the commission, is hereby created and established as an agency in the
14 office of the governor, for purposes of protection and enhancement of the governor's
15 mansion, its contents, furnishings, and grounds. The purpose of the commission is
16 to ensure a continuum in the appearance, the preservation of contents, furnishings,
17 and surrounding areas of the governor's mansion consistent with the historical
18 significance and importance of the governor's mansion.

19 §1012. Jurisdictional area

20 The commission shall have jurisdiction over the public as well as private
21 areas of the governor's mansion and grounds. Public areas shall consist of the first
22 floor, the stairwell in the rotunda, the state wing of the second floor, and all grounds

1 in front and on each side of the mansion. The private areas of the governor's
2 mansion and grounds shall be all other areas within the mansion and grounds not
3 specifically described as a public area in this Section.

4 §1013. Membership; appointment; terms; officers; compensation

5 A. The commission shall be composed as follows:

6 (1)(a) If the governor is married, the governor's spouse or the spouse's
7 designee.

8 (b) If the governor is unmarried, the governor or his designee.

9 (2) A person appointed by the person serving on the commission pursuant
10 to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

11 (3) The person employed at the governor's mansion in the position known
12 as the executive residence director.

13 (4) A member of a former governor's family appointed by the governor.

14 (5) Three members appointed by the governor after consultation with staff
15 employed at the governor's mansion.

16 B.(1) The initial terms of the members appointed pursuant to Paragraphs
17 (A)(2), (4), and (5) of this Section shall be as determined by lot at the first meeting
18 of the commission as follows: one member shall serve an initial term of one year;
19 one member shall serve an initial term of two years; one member shall serve an
20 initial term of three years; one member shall serve an initial term of four years; and
21 one member shall serve an initial term of five years.

22 (2) After the initial term of office, the term of each of the members
23 appointed pursuant to Paragraph (A)(2), (4), and (5) of this Section shall be five
24 years.

25 C.(1) The person serving on the commission pursuant to Paragraph (A)(1)
26 of this Section shall serve as the chairman of the commission, and the members of
27 commission may provide for other officers of the commission as deemed necessary.

1 (2) The commission may create an executive committee from among its
 2 membership to ensure the prompt and efficient conduct of the powers, duties, and
 3 functions of the commission.

4 (3) The commission may establish and provide for advisory committees to
 5 advise and assist the commission in the performance of its duties.

6 D. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may
 7 receive reimbursement for expenses directly related to service on the commission in
 8 accordance with law.

9 §1014. Commission powers, duties, and responsibilities; approval of changes
 10 required

11 A. No improvement, renovation, redecoration, or enhancement of the public
 12 or private areas and grounds of the governor's mansion shall be made without the
 13 prior approval of the commission. Commission approval shall be required prior to
 14 any painting, renovation, non-appliance repair, redecoration, or significant
 15 movement of or rearrangement of furniture, artwork, antique pieces, vases, or other
 16 items in the public areas.

17 B. In addition, the commission shall have the following powers, duties,
 18 functions, and responsibilities:

19 (1) To promote a greater understanding and awareness of the importance and
 20 significance of the governor's mansion and enhance and maintain the appearance,
 21 furnishings, and surroundings thereof so that it may serve as a symbol and actual
 22 representation of the history and cultural heritage of the state.

23 (2) To assist in research for and promote the publication of appropriate
 24 materials concerning the governor's mansion and its contents and grounds and the
 25 history and significance thereof, and to coordinate and guide any such activity by
 26 other state and local agencies.

27 (3)(a) To enter into loan agreements for the loan of any item that is not
 28 owned by the state and that is to be housed in the governor's mansion or located on
 29 its grounds and for the loan of any item owned or controlled by another state agency
 30 which is to be housed in the governor's mansion or located on its grounds.

1 (b) Any item that is subject of a loan agreement shall be included in the
2 property inventory of the governor's mansion as required by R.S. 39:324.

3 (c) Any item that is the subject of a loan agreement shall be covered by
4 adequate insurance through the office of risk management to insure repair or
5 replacement. The commission shall participate in the state's risk management
6 program and provide for such coverage through the program.

7 (4) To create a program for annual audit, spot-check inventory, and post-
8 audit functions for the protection of all items contained in the inventory.

9 (5) To provide a procedure for receiving inventory items at the end of a
10 governor's term and for turning over the inventory items to the incoming governor's
11 spouse or designee.

12 (6) To monitor public and private areas and grounds of the governor's
13 mansion to insure proper maintenance and repair.

14 §1015. Cooperation by other state entities

15 A. The office of state buildings and grounds within the division of
16 administration shall timely perform or provide for all requests for maintenance and
17 repair to the governor's mansion and its grounds made by the commission.

18 B. All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, officers, and institutions
19 of the state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the commission in
20 carrying out the powers and purposes of this Chapter.

21 §1016. Funding; donations and grants

22 The commission, either directly or through a foundation established to aid the
23 commission in a philanthropic manner, may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of any
24 private or public funds in the form of donations of money, grants, property, or
25 personal services from individuals, corporations, and governments to achieve the
26 purposes of this Chapter subject to rules and regulations adopted by the commission.

1 Section 2. R.S. 36:4(S) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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4 S. Louisiana Governor's Mansion Commission (R.S. 25:1101 et seq.).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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