

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS/GROUNDS: Provides relative to authority of local governments to name public buildings

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:267(A), relative to naming of public buildings; to provide
3 relative to naming buildings in honor of living persons; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:267(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §267. Naming ~~public~~ state buildings, etc., in honor of a living person prohibited;
8 penalty

9 A. Except as authorized or provided by law, no public building, public
10 bridge, public park, public fish or game preserve, or public wildlife refuge owned by
11 the state ~~or by any political subdivision of the state~~ or by any institution receiving its
12 support ~~in whole or in part~~ from the state shall be named in honor of any living
13 person.

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15 Section 2. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed
16 amendment of Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which
17 originated as House Bill No. ___ of this 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted
18 at a statewide election and becomes effective.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts local governments from the prohibition on naming public buildings after living persons.

Present law prohibits the naming of a public building or certain other public facilities owned by the state, by a local government, or by an institution receiving support from the state in honor of a living person.

Proposed constitutional amendment (HB ___) authorizes the governing authority of a local government to name a building or facility it owns after any living or deceased person.

Proposed law exempts local governments from the prohibition in present law.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VI of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. ___ of this 2020 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 42:267(A))