Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 768

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 36:4(AA) and 917 and R.S. 49:1222 and 1223, relative to the
3	Latino Commission; to change the name of the council; to provide relative to its
4	powers and duties; to otherwise provide with respect to its purpose and operations;
5	and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 49:1222 and 1223 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8	follows:
9	CHAPTER 19. LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON THE PROVISION OF
10	GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO LATIN AMERICANS LATINO
11	COMMISSION
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13	§1222. Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to Latin
14	Americans Latino Commission; creation; domicile; membership
15	A. The Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to
16	Latin Americans The Latino Commission, hereafter referred to in this Chapter as the
17	"council commission", is hereby established in the executive branch of state
18	government in the office of the governor. The council commission is hereby
19	declared to be a body corporate and public, exercising public and essential

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1	governmental functions. The domicile of the council commission shall be in the city
2	of New Orleans.
3	B. The council commission shall be comprised of members as provided in
4	this Subsection:
5	(1) The president of the Senate shall appoint two members.
6	(2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members.
7	(3) The governor shall appoint one member.
8	(4) The Louisiana Municipal Association shall appoint one member.
9	(5) The Police Jury Association of Louisiana shall appoint one member.
10	(6) Each of the following or his designee shall be a member:
11	(a) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
12	(b) The secretary of the Department of Social Services.
13	(c) The secretary of the Department of Heath and Hospitals.
14	(7) Puentes New Orleans shall appoint three members one member.
15	(8) The following shall each appoint one member:
16	(a) Catholic Charities of New Orleans.
17	(b) The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana.
18	(c) The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.
19	(d) The Latino Forum The Latin American Medical Association.
20	(e) Casa Argentina of New Orleans.
21	(f) The publisher of "El Tiempo New Orleans".
22	(g) The general manager of KGLA TV.
23	(h) The Loyola School of Law Workplace Justice Project.
24	(i) The Hispanic Apostolate of Shreveport.
25	(j) The Hispanic Lawyers Association.
26	(k) WFNO La Fabulosa 830-AM Radio.
27	(l) The Latin American Civic Association of Louisiana.
28	(m) The Hispanic Lawyers Association of Louisiana, Inc.
29	(n) The Spanish American Business Association.
30	(o) Asociacion Nicaraguense de Luisiana.

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1	(p) Unidad Hispanoamericana.
2	(q) The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency.
3	(r) The Louisiana AFL-CIO.
4	C. Members of the council commission shall be residents of this state. Each
5	member shall be a member of a registered business organization in this state and
6	actively engaging in business in this state as of the date of appointment.
7	D. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
8	E. The council commission shall annually elect a chairman and a vice
9	chairman and other officers as it deems appropriate from among its members. The
10	commission may appoint subcommittees in accordance with its bylaws.
11	F. The council commission shall meet hold regular meetings at least
12	quarterly and may meet shall hold special meetings upon the call of the chairman or
13	any three members.
14	G. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
15	authority.
16	H. The governor shall provide staff and administrative support to the council
17	commission.
18	§1223. Powers and duties
19	A. The council commission shall identify obstacles to the effective delivery
20	of governmental services by all service providers at all levels of government to Latin
21	Latino Americans, and the council commission shall propose methods for removing
22	those obstacles from such delivery of services and submit its proposals to the
23	appropriate governmental entity or entities. To this end the council commission
24	shall:
25	(1) Conduct public hearings at which it takes testimony from service
26	providers, citizens, and advocates who can speak to the needs of the Latin Latino
27	American community. Such public hearings shall be held at various locations
28	around the state so as to facilitate the broadest possible participation by recipients
29	and potential recipients of governmental services.

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(2) Request of and receive from staff assigned to it research of available data and information pertinent to the delivery of governmental services to Latin Latino Americans, which research may include investigation of efforts in other states to deliver services to foreign born populations.

5 (3) Formally adopt specific recommendations for changes in the allocation 6 of funds and spending, statutory law, administrative rules, and agency policy, 7 procedure, and practice and submit such specific recommendations to the appropriate 8 governmental entity or entities. If the recommendation is made to any entity other 9 than the legislature, a copy thereof shall also be submitted to the presiding officers 10 of the legislature each of whom shall forward the copy to the standing committee 11 or committees of his respective house which have jurisdiction over the issue or 12 entity.

B. The council commission may solicit, accept, and expend funds for the
purposes provided in this Section.

15C. The commission may support the state's celebration of its bicentennial of16statehood by holding or participating in programs and events through which it can17increase public awareness of the significance of Latino American heritage, culture,18and contributions throughout the state's history.

Section 2. R.S. 36:4(AA) and 917 are hereby amended and reenacted to read asfollows:

\$4. Structure of executive branch of state government
* * *
AA. The Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to
Latin Americans Latino Commission(R.S. 49:1221 et seq.) is hereby placed within
the office of the governor and shall exercise its powers, duties, functions, and
responsibilities as provided in R.S. 36:917.

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1	§917. Transfer, Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to
2	Latin Americans Latino Commission
3	The Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to Latin
4	Americans Latino Commission is placed within the office of the governor and shall
5	exercise its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided in this Part.
6	In addition the board may solicit, receive, and expend funds as authorized by law.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____