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HOUSE BILL NO. 768  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

# ACT No. 599

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:4(AA) and 917 and R.S. 49:1222 and 1223, relative to the Latino Commission; to change the name of the council; to provide relative to its powers and duties; to otherwise provide with respect to its purpose and operations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:1222 and 1223 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

~~CHAPTER 19. LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON THE PROVISION OF  
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO LATIN AMERICANS~~ LATINO  
COMMISSION

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§1222. ~~Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to Latin Americans~~ Latino Commission; creation; domicile; membership

A. ~~The Louisiana Council on the Provision of Governmental Services to Latin Americans~~ The Latino Commission, hereafter referred to in this Chapter as the "council commission", is hereby established in the executive branch of state government in the office of the governor. The ~~council~~ commission is hereby declared to be a body corporate and public, exercising public and essential

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 Health 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.

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.



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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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