

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 699

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES: Creates a commission of the legislature to provide certain services in the area around the capitol complex

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 12-A of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of
3 R.S. 24:701 through 705, relative to the state capitol and its environs; to provide for
4 a capitol park neighborhood improvements council; to provide for the composition
5 and powers and duties of the council; to provide for geographical boundaries of the
6 jurisdiction of the council; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 12-A of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 24:701 through 705, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §701. State Capitol Complex Neighborhood Improvements Council

11 A. There is hereby created the State Capitol Complex Neighborhood
12 Improvements Council as an agency of the legislature.

13 B. The council shall be composed of ten members as follows:

14 (1) The president of the Senate.

15 (2) Four members appointed by the president of the Senate from the
16 membership of the Senate.

17 (3) The speaker of the House of Representatives.

18 (4) Four members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
19 from the membership of the House of Representatives.

1 C.(1) Appointments to the council shall be made no later than twenty days
2 after the adjournment of the organizational session of the legislature.

3 (2) Any vacancy in the appointed membership of the council shall be filled
4 in the manner of original appointment for the remainder of the term.

5 D. The positions of chairman and vice chairman of the council shall rotate
6 in even-numbered years between the members of the House of Representatives and
7 the members of the Senate who serve on the council as provided in this Section. In
8 January of each even-numbered year, the speaker of the House of Representatives
9 shall designate a member of the House of Representatives on the council who shall
10 serve as chairman or vice chairman of the council, as applicable, and the president
11 of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate on the council who shall serve
12 as chairman or vice chairman of the council, as applicable.

13 §702. Jurisdiction

14 The council shall exercise its powers and duties within the areas in the state
15 capitol complex that are occupied and utilized by the members, officers, and staff of
16 the legislative branch of state government. For purposes of this Chapter, the term
17 "state capitol complex" means that area in the city of Baton Rouge, containing the
18 state capitol building and bounded on the south by Main Street, on the west by the
19 Mississippi River, on the north by Choctaw Drive, and on the east by the Kansas
20 City Southern Railway tracks.

21 §703. Purpose

22 A. The council shall take steps to provide or enhance security patrols in the
23 state capitol complex, provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to
24 the security of the state capitol complex, provide for improvements in the state
25 capitol complex, and to provide generally for the overall betterment of the state
26 capitol complex and the quality of life of its residents and visitors.

27 §704. Exemption

1 In the exercise of authority granted by this Chapter, improvements
2 undertaken by the council are not subject to permits otherwise required by the City
3 of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge.

4 §705. Duties

5 The council shall have such powers and duties as are conferred upon it by this
6 Chapter and such other duties as are provided by law.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the State Capitol Complex Neighborhood Improvements Council.

Proposed law creates the State Capitol Complex Neighborhood Improvements Council for the purpose of certain matters relative to the capitol complex, including the following:

- (1) Enhancing security.
- (2) Providing for improvements.
- (3) Providing generally for its betterment for its residents and visitors.

Proposed law provides for membership and jurisdiction.

(Adds R.S. 24:701 through 705)