

SENATE BILL NO. 57

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:149.64, relative to public grounds located in Baton Rouge; to provide for the erection of a statue memorializing the Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison; to provide for private funding for the establishment and maintenance of the statue; to create a commission; to provide for expiration of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:149.64 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§149.64. Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison Memorial Statue, Baton Rouge**

**A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and particularly any contrary provision of R.S. 49:149.62, the allocation and use of space within the A.Z. Young Park grounds shall be as provided in this Section. The provisions of this Section shall apply to a portion of ground situated in the city of Baton Rouge, having the municipal address of 755 North Third Street, and bounded by the LaSalle Building, North Third Street, the Pentagon Barracks, and the Capitol Park Welcome Center.**

**B. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, there shall be placed upon the A.Z. Young Park grounds, in a prominent place, a memorial statue of the Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison, subject to the availability of private funds for its planning, construction, and maintenance.**

1            C.(1) In recognition of Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison, the Department of  
2            Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall choose a prominent place within A.Z.  
3            Young Park to display the memorial statue of Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison. The  
4            design, content, and location of the statue shall be subject to the approval of the  
5            Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison Memorial Commission. In addition, any dedication  
6            of funds for the memorial statue shall be placed in an account for such purpose  
7            in accordance with the guidelines managed by the Baton Rouge Area  
8            Foundation. The funds shall be used for funding the design, content,  
9            construction, and maintenance of a Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison statue on the  
10           grounds of the A.Z. Young Park in Baton Rouge and for future initiatives  
11           relative to Reverend Jemison's legacy.

12           (2) The funds collected shall be deposited into the Reverend Dr. T.J.  
13           Jemison Memorial Statue account and managed by the Baton Rouge Area  
14           Foundation for the purposes as outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

15           D.(1) There is hereby created the Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison Memorial  
16           Commission within the legislative branch of state government. The commission  
17           shall consist of the following members:

18           (a) The living descendants of the first degree of Reverend Dr. T.J.  
19           Jemison, or their designees.

20           (b) One child of a descendant of the first degree of Reverend Dr. T.J.  
21           Jemison, or his designee.

22           (c) Two persons who shall be ministers selected by the living descendants  
23           of the first degree of Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison.

24           (d) The member of the House of Representatives from District 67.

25           (e) The member of the Senate from District 14.

26           (2) The first meeting of the commission shall occur during the month of  
27           February of 2016 and shall be called and presided over by the member of the  
28           Senate. At such meeting the commission shall select its chairman, vice  
29           chairman, and any other officers it deems necessary. The commission shall  
30           meet as necessary thereafter to carry out its duties. Members of the commission

1 shall serve without compensation, except that legislative members shall receive  
2 such compensation and reimbursement as is allowed by the rules of each  
3 member's respective house of the legislature.

4 (3) The duties of the commission shall include:

5 (a) Making recommendations regarding and approving the design and  
6 content of the memorial statue in accordance with state law.

7 (b) Making recommendations regarding and approving the location of  
8 the memorial statue.

9 (4) The provisions of this Subsection shall expire on February 15, 2026,  
10 and the commission shall be abolished on such date.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_