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Report Highlights

Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities

Annual Report to the Legislature as of June 30, 2016

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Why We Conducted This Work

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the Legislative Auditor to submit annually to the Legislature a report on boards, commissions, and like entities (Boards) and to report findings and recommendations resulting from our analysis of the information.

What We Found

- Our report identifies 458 Boards as of June 30, 2016, which is a net decrease of 13 from the previous year. This net figure reflects an increase of five and a decrease of 18 Boards during the current year. Although the total number of Boards has decreased by 34, or 6.9%, over the past five years, Louisiana still exceeds the number of Boards in other Southeastern states.

Year	Number of Boards
2012	492
2013	485
2014	471
2015	471
2016	458

- We identified four Boards that did not respond to our request for personnel data and financial information. The Division of Administration (Division) sent notices of noncompliance to the respective legislative committees as required by R.S. 49:1301. All four of these Boards also failed to respond to our request in the prior year.
- We identified 11 inactive Boards that were not fulfilling their established functions. Five of these Boards were also identified as inactive in the prior year.
- Information available through the Division's website may not be up-to-date regarding Board members' salaries, travel expenses, or per diem expenses related to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. According to the Division, the website database fields were updated for the fiscal year 2017 reporting period to require that Boards indicate the fiscal year of the information entered; however, information reflected in the database for the fiscal year 2016 reporting period should not be used without first confirming the information directly with the respective Board.

View the full report, including management's response, at www.la.gov.