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## **SECRETARY OF STATE MUSEUM HOURS, EMPLOYEES TO BE REDUCED**

A layoff avoidance measure has been submitted to the Department of Civil Service for some of the museums under the Secretary of State's Office due to reduction in funding. The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Louisiana's Old State Capitol and the Old Arsenal Museum will not be affected by the measure.

The proposal in the measure reduces work hours for museum employees by 16 hours per biweekly pay period effective Monday, July 18. This reduction in work hours will coincide with the reduced hours the museums are open to the public. The duration of this reduction cannot be determined at this time due to the current budget situation. The museums will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days as listed:

- Chennault Aviation and Military Museum: Thursday through Saturday
- Delta Music Museum: Wednesday through Friday
- Eddie G. Robinson Museum: Thursday through Saturday
- Germantown Colony Museum: Wednesday through Saturday
- Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and Museum: Thursday through Saturday
- Louisiana Military Museum: Thursday through Saturday
- Louisiana State Cotton Museum: Thursday through Saturday
- Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum: Wednesday through Friday
- Mansfield Female College Museum: Wednesday through Friday
- Shreveport Water Works Museum: Wednesday through Friday
- Spring Street Historical Museum: Wednesday through Friday
- Tioga Heritage Park and Museum: Thursday through Saturday

House Bill 1, which was recently signed by Gov. Jindal, reduced funding to the Museums Division by \$862,000. This layoff avoidance measure is being taken into account within Chapter 17 of the Department of Civil Service rules. The rules, along with other layoff information, are available in our Human Resources Division and the Department of State Civil Service.

Although the cutting of museum budgets was a difficult decision, Secretary of State Tom Schedler believes the reductions will be the most cost effective means of closing the budget gap while trying to avoid state employee layoffs. For more information, call 225.922.2880.