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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/27/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Governmental Operations (Lawson) recommended the  
 2 following **amendment to amendment (223292)**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 445 and 446

6 insert:

7 Section 13. Subsection (4) is added to section 272.129,  
 8 Florida Statutes, to read:

9 272.129 Florida Historic Capitol; space allocation;  
 10 maintenance, repair, and security.--

11 (4) (a) The Legislative Research Center and Museum at the  
 12 Historic Capitol, hereinafter referred to as "center," may  
 13 support the establishment of a citizen support organization to  
 14 provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the  
 15 center. For the purposes of this subsection, "citizen support  
 16 organization" means an organization that is:



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17       1. A Florida corporation not for profit incorporated under  
18 the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the Department of  
19 State.

20       2. Organized and operated to conduct programs and  
21 activities, raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts, and  
22 bequests of money, acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer  
23 in its own name securities, funds, objects of value, or other  
24 real and personal property, and make expenditures to or for the  
25 direct or indirect benefit of the center.

26       3. Determined by the center to be consistent with the goals  
27 of the center and in the best interests of the state.

28       4. Annually approved in writing by the center to operate  
29 for the direct or indirect benefit of the center. Such approval  
30 shall be given in a letter of agreement from the center.

31       (b)1. The Legislative Research Center and Museum at the  
32 Historic Capitol may permit, without charge, appropriate use of  
33 fixed property and facilities of the center by the citizen  
34 support organization, subject to the provisions of this  
35 subsection. Such use must be directly in keeping with the  
36 approved purposes of the citizen support organization and may not  
37 be made at times or places that would unreasonably interfere with  
38 normal operations of the center.

39       2. The center may prescribe by rule any condition with  
40 which the citizen support organization must comply in order to  
41 use fixed property or facilities of the center.

42       3. The center may not permit the use of any fixed property  
43 or facilities by any citizen support organization if such  
44 organization does not provide equal membership and employment  
45 opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion,  
46 sex, age, or national origin.



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47 (c) A citizen support organization shall provide for an  
48 annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981.

49 (d) All records of a citizen support organization  
50 constitute public records for the purposes of chapter 119.

51 (e) The citizen support organization for the Legislative  
52 Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol is authorized  
53 to collect rental fees, apply for and receive grants, and receive  
54 gifts and donations for the direct or indirect benefit of the  
55 center.

56 (f) All funds obtained through rental fees, grants, gifts,  
57 and donations to the citizen support organization shall be  
58 deposited into the account of the citizen support organization  
59 and used for the direct or indirect benefit of the Legislative  
60 Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol unless the  
61 citizen support organization is no longer authorized as required  
62 by this subsection, fails to comply with the requirements of this  
63 subsection, fails to maintain its tax-exempt status pursuant to  
64 Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or ceases to  
65 exist. If the citizen support organization is no longer  
66 authorized as required by this subsection, fails to comply with  
67 the requirements of this subsection, fails to maintain its tax-  
68 exempt status pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
69 Revenue Code, or ceases to exist, all funds obtained through  
70 rental fees, grants, gifts, and donations in the citizen support  
71 organization account shall revert to the state and be deposited  
72 into an account designated by the Florida Legislature.

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74 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

75 And the title is amended as follows:

76 On line 522, after the semicolon,

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77 | insert:  
78 |       authorizing a citizen support organization for the  
79 |       Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic  
80 |       Capitol; requiring the citizen support organization to be  
81 |       a corporation not for profit; authorizing the citizen  
82 |       support organization to perform certain tasks for the  
83 |       direct and indirect benefit of the Legislative Research  
84 |       Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol; authorizing the  
85 |       center to prescribe conditions with which the citizen  
86 |       support organization must comply in order to use fixed  
87 |       property or facilities of the center; prohibiting the  
88 |       center from permitting a citizen support organization to  
89 |       use the center's facilities under certain conditions;  
90 |       requiring that the citizen support organization provide  
91 |       for an annual audit; providing that records of the  
92 |       organization are public records; requiring that certain  
93 |       funds be deposited into the account of the citizen support  
94 |       organization; providing for reversion of funds to the  
95 |       state under certain circumstances;