

By Senator Leek

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Museum of Black
3 History; creating s. 267.07221, F.S.; providing
4 legislative intent; establishing the Florida Museum of
5 Black History Board of Directors; providing for the
6 membership of the board; requiring that appointments
7 to the board be made by a specified date; prohibiting
8 specified members of the board from holding state or
9 local elective office while serving on the board;
10 providing for the filling of vacancies; requiring that
11 the board work jointly with the Foundation for the
12 Museum of Black History, Inc.; requiring the St. Johns
13 County Board of County Commissioners to provide
14 administrative support and staffing to the board until
15 specified actions are completed; providing an
16 effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Section 267.07221, Florida Statutes, is created
21 to read:

22 267.07221 Florida Museum of Black History Board of
23 Directors.—

24 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the
25 work of the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force in
26 selecting a location for the Florida Museum of Black History and
27 designating St. Johns County as the site for the museum. It is
28 further the intent of the Legislature, under the authority
29 provided in s. 267.0722(7), to establish a board of directors to

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30 oversee the commission, construction, operation, and
31 administration of the museum.

32 (2) (a) The Florida Museum of Black History Board of
33 Directors is established within the division and shall be
34 composed of the following members:

35 1. Three individuals appointed by the Governor, one of whom
36 shall serve as chair.

37 2. Three individuals appointed by the President of the
38 Senate.

39 3. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
40 the Senate and serving ex officio.

41 4. Three individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House
42 of Representatives.

43 5. Two member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
44 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and serving ex
45 officio.

46 (b) Appointments must be made no later than July 31, 2025.
47 Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (a)1., 2., and 4.
48 may not hold any state or local elective office while serving on
49 the board. Vacancies on the board must be filled in the same
50 manner as the initial appointments.

51 (3) The board shall work jointly with the Foundation for
52 the Museum of Black History, Inc., a nonprofit organization
53 created to support the creation of the museum.

54 (4) The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
55 shall provide administrative assistance and staffing to the
56 board until the project planning, design, and engineering are
57 completed.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.