

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/HB 909 — Cultural and Historical Programs

by Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Sirois and others (CS/SB 1404 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Hooper)

The bill designates the Museum of Florida History as the official state history museum and makes several changes relating to the Division of Cultural Affairs and the Division of Historical Resources, including:

- Renaming the “Division of Cultural Affairs” to the “Division of Arts and Culture” and providing that the Secretary of State be known as “Florida’s Chief Arts and Culture Officer.”
- Transferring the Florida Folklife Program from the Division of Historical Resources to the newly named Division of Arts and Culture.
- Transferring the operation of the Museum of Florida History from the Division of Cultural Affairs to the Division of Historical Resources. Placing a duty on the Division of Historical Resources to establish professional standards for the preservation of the collections under state ownership.
- Transferring and revising provisions relating to property on loan to museums and property abandoned at museums.
- Revising inventory responsibilities of the Division of Historical Resources for objects of historical or archaeological value.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0