

By Senator Leek

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

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

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

267.07221 Florida Museum of Black History Board of Directors.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Appointments must be made no later than July 31, 2026. Members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (a)1., 2., and 4. may not hold any state or local elective office while serving on the board. Vacancies on the board must be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments.

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

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.