

ASSESSORS' LEGAL GUIDE

State Constitution:

http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Laws_Toc.aspx?folder=72&level=Parent

Primary sections are Article 7 Sections 18 thru 24

Louisiana Revised Statutes:

http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Laws_Toc.aspx?folder=75&level=Parent

Primary sections are R.S. 47:1702 thru 1998.1

Louisiana Administrative Code:

<http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/lac/books.aspx>

Title 61 Part 5 – Currently starts on Page 285- Supports the LTC Rules & Regs

Louisiana Tax Commission:

http://www.latax.state.la.us/Menu_RulesRegulations/RulesRegulations.aspx

Guidelines for the assessment process

Legislative Auditor:

<https://lla.la.gov/local-government-entities/assessors-millages/index.shtml>

Maintains oversight of the millage adoption process

Ethics Administration Program

<http://ethics.la.gov/>

Administers and enforces all state ethics requirements

Attorney General:

<http://www.ag.state.la.us/Opinions>

Provides legal guidance on specific issues

ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

Louisiana Assessors' Association

<https://www.louisianaassessors.org>

Coordinates the functions of our Association Louisiana

Assessors' Retirement Fund

<https://www.louisianaassessors.org/assessors-retirement/>

Provides retirement benefits for Assessors and employees

Louisiana Assessors' Insurance Fund

<https://www.louisianaassessors.org/assessors-insurance/>

Provides insurance for Assessors, employees and retirees

*REMINDER: It is critical that all Assessors notify the LAA office if ANY changes in status occur with an employee or Assessor. ...i.e.... new hires, terminations, marriage, divorce, extended sickness, deaths, leave of absence, maternity leave, newborns, change to part-time or full-time status, retirement, running for office, spouse insurance issues, etc...

Changes in status can affect employees' and dependents ability to receive benefits. The Association office can provide guidance on these issues if they're notified in a timely manner.

Legislative Issues

State wide bills- advertisement requirements

Single parish legislative bills-one issue could affect all parishes

Lobbying – consultants for Association. No lobbying for Retirement

Know your Reps and Senators

Legislative Committee – sub-committee –presence at Capitol

Association positions- Support, Oppose or Monitor

Press releases –interviews

Ongoing Issues- oil & gas valuations, cooperative endeavor agreements, tax credit housing, homestead exemption, inventory tax