

### **Report Highlights**

# **Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities**

Annual Report to the Legislature as of June 30, 2017

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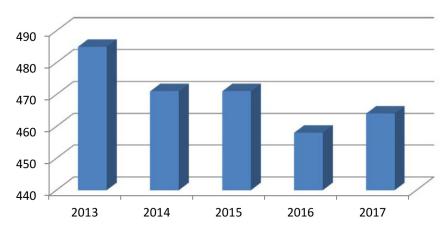
## Why We Conducted This Work

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the Legislative Auditor to submit annually to the Legislature a report on boards, commissions, and like entities (Boards) and to report findings and recommendations resulting from our analysis of the information.

#### What We Found

Our report identifies 464 Boards as of June 30, 2017, which is a net increase of six from the previous year. This net figure reflects an increase of 15 and a decrease of nine Boards during the current year. Although the total number of Boards has decreased by 21, or 4.3%, over the past five years, Louisiana still exceeds the number of Boards in other Southeastern states.

#### **Number of Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities**



We identified three Boards that did not respond to our request for personnel data and financial information. The Division of Administration sent notices of noncompliance to the respective legislative committees as required by R.S. 49:1301. Two of the three Boards also failed to respond to our request in the prior year.

We identified 19 inactive Boards that were not fulfilling their established functions. Ten of these Boards were also identified as inactive in the prior year.

For the 2017 fiscal year, Boards reported payments to board members of approximately \$1.0 million for per diems, \$1.6 million for salaries, and \$1.5 million for travel expenses.