
DIGEST

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Richmond

HB No. 791

Abstract: Provides a public records exception for local ethics entities.

Present law (R.S. 33:9611 et seq.) provides for the creation of local ethics entities in certain municipalities. Present law further endows such entities with certain investigative authority and provides that records relating to investigations, examinations, audits, inspections, or other review conducted pursuant to present law shall not be public records until after the completion of such investigative action.

Present law establishes the records of public bodies as public documents. All documents generated by a public body are public documents under present law unless the legislature has recognized an exception, exemption, or limitation for such documents under present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds a recognized exception to the public records law for records compiled by local ethics entities conducting investigations pursuant to present law.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(18))