
DIGEST

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HB No. 1307

Abstract: Requires a period of public comment for each item on a public meeting agenda prior to a vote on the item.

Present law generally provides that meetings of public bodies be open to the public. Provides exceptions. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires public bodies to provide an opportunity for public comment at such open meetings, subject to reasonable rules adopted by the body. Present law, relative only to school boards, requires a public comment period for each agenda item prior to a vote on the item.

Proposed law, relative to public bodies except school boards, requires a public comment period at any point during a public meeting prior to action being taken on an agenda item requiring a vote. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 42:5(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Changed proposed law requirement that there be a public comment period preceding each agenda item requiring a vote to a requirement that there be a public comment period held at any point in a public meeting prior to action on an agenda item requiring a vote.