

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 359 (SB 172)

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Existing law (R.S. 33:113) provides that a planning commission shall approve or disapprove a plat within 60 days after the submission thereof to it; otherwise the plat shall be deemed to have been approved, and a certificate to that effect shall be issued by the commission on demand.

New law provides that the applicant for a commission's approval may, however, waive this requirement and consent to an extension of the period. Provides that the disapproval of any plat shall be stated upon the records of the commission. Further provides that any plat submitted to the commission shall contain the name and address of a person to whom notice of a hearing shall be sent.

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Existing law provides that a notice of hearing for approval or disapproval of a plat shall be sent by certified mail of the time and place of the hearing not less than five days before the hearing date.

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Existing law provides that a planning commission shall give notice of the hearing by at least one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area surrounding the proposed subdivision, not less than five days prior to the hearing date; provided, however, that in parishes or municipalities with a population in excess of 150,000, the public hearing may be waived by the planning commission or planning authority for subdivisions creating five or less lots not involving the creation of any new streets. Provides further that the provisions in the waivers shall be clearly set forth in the official subdivision regulations. New law retains existing law but removes the exception for municipalities with a population in excess of 150,000.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:113(A) and (B))