

ACT No. 294

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 786

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:160(B) and 171(A) and to enact R.S. 33:160(C), 171(D), and
3 178(C) and (D), relative to municipal annexation; to require municipal governing
4 authorities to provide copies of municipal annexation ordinances, by electronic
5 medium, to the registrar of voters and the secretary of state; to provide alternative
6 methods of providing such information; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:160(B) and 171(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
10 33:160(C), 171(D), and 178(C) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §160. Returns of election; recording returns; proclaiming result; effect of vote
12 favoring annexation

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14 B. The municipal governing authority shall furnish ~~to~~ by electronic medium,
15 the registrar of voters and the secretary of state a copy of all municipal ordinances
16 annexing territory within fifteen days after adoption of such ordinances, as well as
17 a map and written description of all newly annexed territory. If the municipal
18 governing authority does not have the ability to submit the information required by
19 this Subsection by electronic medium, the governing authority shall submit the
20 information by certified mail or commercial courier.

21 C. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings
22 ascribed to them by this Subsection:

23 (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

24 (2) "Commercial courier" means any foreign or domestic business entity
25 having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which

1 acquires a signed receipt from the addressee, or the addressee's agent, of the letter
2 or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the
3 outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

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5 §171. Ordinance to enlarge or contract corporate limits; distribution of certain
6 revenues in annexed areas

7 A. The limits and boundaries of incorporated municipalities shall remain as
8 established on July 31, 1946, but may be enlarged or contracted, by ordinance of the
9 governing body as hereinafter provided, the city of New Orleans excepted. The
10 municipal governing authority shall furnish, by electronic medium, the registrar of
11 voters of the affected area and the secretary of state a copy of all municipal
12 ordinances annexing territory within fifteen days after adoption of such ordinances,
13 as well as a map and written description of all newly annexed territory. If the
14 municipal governing authority does not have the ability to submit the information
15 required by this Subsection by electronic medium, the governing authority shall
16 submit the information by certified mail or commercial courier.

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18 D. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings
19 ascribed to them by this Subsection:

20 (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

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22 having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which
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24 or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the
25 outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

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27 §178. Ordinance defining territory excluded or included and description of
28 boundary as changed required to be filed with clerk of district court

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1 C. Each municipal governing authority shall furnish, by electronic medium,
 2 the registrar of voters and the secretary of state a copy of the municipal ordinance
 3 enlarging or contracting the boundaries of the municipality within fifteen days after
 4 adoption of such ordinance, as well as a map and written description of the entire
 5 boundary of the municipality as changed. If the municipal governing authority does
 6 not have the ability to submit the information required by this Subsection by
 7 electronic medium, the governing authority shall submit the information by certified
 8 mail or commercial courier.

9 D. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings
 10 ascribed to them by this Subsection:

11 (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

12 (2) "Commercial courier" means any foreign or domestic business entity
 13 having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which
 14 acquires a signed receipt from the addressee, or the addressee's agent, of the letter
 15 or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the
 16 outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 21 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____