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Present law requires police juries to select a newspaper as the official journal for their respective parish. Provides eligibility requirements for the newspaper and requires that the newspaper selected publish all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings of the police jury.

Proposed law authorizes the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to publish the minutes of its open meetings on its website instead of its official journal. Requires that if the police jury chooses to publish its minutes on its website that the police jury shall identify the parish official responsible for preparing and recording the minutes and for publishing the minutes.

Present law provides that the official of any police jury responsible for the preparing and recording of the official proceeding who, within 20 days from the date of any meeting, willfully neglects or fails to furnish the official journal with a copy of the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and proceeding for publication, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or both.

Proposed law creates an exception for the minutes of open meetings of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. Provides that if the Vermilion Parish Police Jury chooses to publish the minutes of its open meetings on its website instead of its official journal, it shall be published within reasonable time but not more than 20 days from the date of the meeting. Provides that if the parish official identified as responsible for preparing and recording the minutes willfully neglects or fails to prepare and record the minutes within 15 days from the date of the meeting, he shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or both. Provides that if the parish official identified as responsible for publishing the minutes willfully neglects or fails to publish the minutes within five days from the date the minutes are recorded, he shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or both.

Present law requires all police juries to keep written minutes of all their open meetings. Provides required contents of the minutes. Provides that the minutes shall be public records (with certain exceptions) and shall be available within a reasonable time after the meeting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the police jury has a website, it shall post on its website a copy of the minutes within ten days after publication in the official journal and shall maintain the copy of the minutes on the website for at least three months after posting.

Proposed law provides an exception for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. Provides that if the Vermilion Parish Police Jury chooses to publish the minutes of its open meetings on its website instead of the official journal, the police jury shall publish the minutes within 20 days from the date of the meeting and at the meeting, the police jury shall identify the parish official who shall be responsible for preparing and recording the minutes and for publishing the minutes.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:20 (B) and R.S. 43:143 and 144)