

SENATE BILL NO. 439

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:214.5.2(K), relative to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; to provide for the functions and responsibilities of the board; to require the board to meet at a location with internet audio and video streaming capability when votes are scheduled to occur; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:214.5.2(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§214.5.2. Functions and responsibilities; Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board

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K.(1) The board shall broadcast over the internet live audio and video streams of all its board meetings in which votes are scheduled to occur.

(2) All meetings broadcast in accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least six years after the date of the meeting.

(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as provided in R.S. 42:11 et seq.

(4) The audio and video records created pursuant to this Subsection shall not be construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of the proceedings of a meeting of the board.

(5) If the board is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of this Subsection due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate internet broadcast, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the

1 board shall not be construed to be a violation of the provisions of this

2 Subsection. However, the board shall take no votes at this meeting.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____