

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that all meetings of the La. State Law Institute (LSLI) Council shall be held at a meeting space located in a public building and open to the public for the purposes of the meeting.

Prior law required that a majority of council meetings be held in Baton Rouge. New law requires that at least half of the meetings be held in Baton Rouge.

Prior law required that a majority of meetings of any committee, subcommittee, or other body of LSLI be held in Baton Rouge. Required that meetings of such entities be held at a meeting space located in a public building and open to the public for the purposes of the meeting. New law removes these requirements.

New law authorizes LSLI committees and subcommittees to conduct periodic meetings via electronic means if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The notice and agenda for the meeting are provided 24 hours prior thereto on the LSLI website and by email to those requesting notice.
- (2) There is a mechanism to electronically receive public comment both prior to and during the meeting.
- (3) All public comments during the meeting can be properly identified and acknowledged and those comments are maintained in the record of the meeting.
- (4) Each person participating in the meeting is properly identified.
- (5) All parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting, including the public.

New law prohibits a committee or subcommittee from conducting successive meetings via electronic means.

New law does not limit the conduct of meetings via electronic means during a gubernatorially proclaimed or declared disaster or emergency in the manner provided in existing law (R.S. 42:17.1 – Open Meetings Law).

New law authorizes the LSLI to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures to allow the public to participate in a meeting via electronic means.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 18, 2022).

(Amends R.S. 24:202(F)(1) and (G))