

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides relative to training requirements for local government officials

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part XVII of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 33:1420.31, relative to local government officials; to provide
4 relative to training requirements for such officials; to provide relative to resources
5 and training offered by certain governmental entities; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part XVII of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:1420.31 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART XVII. TRAINING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

11 §1420.31. Local government officials; training

12 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all elected
13 officials of parishes and municipalities shall participate in workshops and other
14 training courses offered by the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana
15 Legislative Auditor, the Louisiana Board of Ethics, and other local government
16 agencies, which are intended to assist such officials in carrying out their duties by
17 enhancing their knowledge of laws regulating their respective parishes and

1 municipalities. Any such elected official shall also use local government resources
2 provided by such agencies to the officials and their respective parishes and
3 municipalities and make such resources available to their administrative staff
4 members.

5 B. Any agency provided for in Subsection A of this Section, may work
6 jointly to provide workshops, training courses, and other resources to elected
7 officials and their administrative staff members and may offer incentives to the
8 officials and staff members, such as continuing education credits or certificates for
9 specialization in certain subject matters, to encourage their use of resources and
10 attendance at workshops and training courses.

11 C. All elected officials are required to earn at least nine hours of credit
12 annually through their attendance at workshops and other training courses offered
13 by the agencies provided for in this Section.

14 D. The provisions of this Part are applicable to any person who is appointed
15 temporarily to fill a vacancy in an elective office of a parish or municipality.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires elected officials of parishes and municipalities to participate in training courses offered by certain governmental agencies.

Proposed law requires all elected officials of parishes and municipalities to participate in workshops and other training courses offered by the La. Municipal Association, the La. Legislative Auditor, the La. Board of Ethics, and other local government agencies which are intended to assist the officials in carrying out their duties. Additionally requires the officials to use resources provided to them by the agencies and make them available to their administrative staff members.

Proposed law authorizes the agencies provided for in proposed law to work jointly to provide workshops, training courses, and other resources to elected officials and their staff members. Additionally authorizes the agencies to offer incentives such as continuing education credits or certificates for specialization to encourage the use of resources and attendance at workshops and training courses.

Proposed law requires the elected officials to earn at least nine hours of credit annually through their attendance at workshops and other training courses offered by the agencies provided for in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.31)