

# ACT No. 539

HOUSE BILL NO. 103

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRASS, BUTLER, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, DICKERSON, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREEMAN, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, MCCORMICK, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:23 and to enact R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(c), relative to broadcasts  
3 of public meetings; to require certain public bodies to broadcast meetings live; to  
4 require certain information on the notice of the meeting; to provide definitions; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:23 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(c) is  
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §19. Notice of meetings

10 A.(1)

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12 (c) Each public body subject to R.S. 42:23(B)(2) shall include on its written  
13 public notice sufficient information to enable the public to locate the broadcast for  
14 viewing.

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16 §23. ~~Sonic~~ Audio and video recordings; live broadcast

17 A. All of the proceedings in a public meeting may be video or tape recorded,  
18 filmed, or broadcast live. ~~However, any~~

19 B.(1) Each nonelected board or commission that has the authority to levy a  
20 tax shall video or audio record, film, or broadcast live all proceedings in a public  
21 meeting.

1                   (2)(a)(i) The parish governing authority in a parish with a population of  
2                   twenty-five thousand or more shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public  
3                   meetings, including the parish governing authority's committee meetings.

4                   (ii) Each school board in a parish with a population of twenty-five thousand  
5                   or more shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings, including the  
6                   school board's committee meetings.

7                   (iii) Each governing authority of a municipality with a population of ten  
8                   thousand or more shall broadcast live all city council meetings including city council  
9                   committee meetings. There is no requirement to broadcast a committee meeting  
10                  where members are volunteers.

11                  (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "broadcast live" means the publicly  
12                  available distribution of audio and video of a meeting in real or near real time via the  
13                  internet or television broadcast.

14                  (c) The failure of a public body to broadcast live as required by this  
15                  Paragraph due to a technological failure beyond the control of the public body or  
16                  beyond its ability to resolve timely is not a violation of the provisions of this  
17                  Chapter.

18                  (d) The requirement in this Paragraph for a public body to broadcast its  
19                  meetings does not apply to any executive session held in accordance with this  
20                  Chapter.

21                  B: C. A public body shall establish standards for the use of lighting,  
22                  recording, or broadcasting equipment to insure proper decorum in a public meeting.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_