

SENATE BILL NO. 1

BY SENATOR JENKINS AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, CARRIER, FISHER,
JACKSON, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE,
NEWELL AND WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:14(C), relative to the Open Meetings Law; to provide for viva
3 voce voting; to provide for electronic voting; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 42:14(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §14. Meetings of public bodies to be open to the public

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8 C. All votes made by members of a public body shall be viva voce and shall
9 be recorded in the minutes, journal, or other official, written proceedings of the body,
10 which shall be a public document. **Any vote by an individual member of a public**
11 **body that is displayed and recorded using electronic machines shall satisfy the**
12 **concept of viva voce voting requirements of the Open Meetings Law.**

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14 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applied retroactively.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____