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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR GALLOT

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. Directs the commissioner of administration to ensure that the name and contact information of each custodian of public records of an agency be included on the website of the agency.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the commissioner of administration to take all necessary action to ensure that each department, office, agency, board, and commission of the executive branch of state government which maintains a website on the Internet include the name and contact information for each custodian of public records for that entity on the website.

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article XII of the Constitution of Louisiana guarantees that no person shall be denied the right to examine public documents, except in cases established by law; and

WHEREAS, it is the essence of the Public Records Law that all public records in the custody of a public entity can be viewed and copied by any citizen; and

WHEREAS, the Public Records Law declares that providing access to public records is a responsibility and duty of the appointive or elective office of a custodian and his employees; and

WHEREAS, the Public Records Law defines "custodian" as "the public official or head of any public body having custody or control of a public record, or a representative specifically authorized by him to respond to requests to inspect any such public records"; and

1           WHEREAS, while the Public Records Law requires that a custodian present any  
2 public record to any person of the age of majority who so requests, it is often not apparent  
3 who is the "custodian" to whom to make the request; and

4           WHEREAS, nearly all agencies of the executive branch of state government maintain  
5 a website on the Internet.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 authorize and direct the commissioner of administration to take all necessary action to ensure  
8 that each department, office, agency, board, and commission of the executive branch of state  
9 government which maintains a website on the Internet include the name and contact  
10 information for each custodian of public records for that entity on the website.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
12 commissioner of administration.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

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