

SENATE BILL NO. 212

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:23(A) and to enact R.S. 44:36(F), relative to public meetings;  
to require proceedings of certain boards and commissions to be video or tape  
recorded, filmed or broadcast live; to provide for the preservation of certain records;  
and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§23. Sonic and video recordings; live broadcast

A. All ~~or any part~~ of the proceedings in a public meeting may be video or  
tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live. **However, any nonelected board or  
commission that has the authority to levy a tax shall video or audio record, film,  
or broadcast live all proceedings in a public meeting.**

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Section 2. R.S. 44:36(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§36. Preservation of records

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**F. All existing records or records hereafter accumulated pursuant to  
R.S. 42:23 shall be preserved and maintained for a period of at least two years  
from the date on which the public record was made.**

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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