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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 274

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

ETHICS. Provides relative to annual mandatory ethics training requirements. (8/1/14)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 42:1170(C)(4), relative to
3	mandatory ethics education and training; to designate local representatives; to set a
4	compliance deadline; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 42:1170(E)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7	42:1170(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	\$1170. Ethics education; mandatory requirements; ethics designee
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10	C.(1) * * * *
11	(4) Each political subdivision shall designate at least one person who
12	shall, with the assistance of the board, provide information, notices, and updates
13	to employees and officials of the political subdivision and assist the board in any
14	way necessary to fulfill the requirements set out in this Section and R.S.
15	<u>42:1134(N)(1).</u>
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17	E.(1) * * *

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1 (2) If the board discovers that a public servant or lobbyist has failed to 2 complete the training required by this Section, the board shall mail by certified mail 3 a notice of noncompliance informing the person that the training required by this Section shall be completed within thirty forty-five business days after receipt from 4 5 the mailing of the notice of noncompliance. The notice of noncompliance shall include the deadline for completion of the training required by this Section. If the 6 person completes the training prior to the deadline contained in the notice of 7 8 noncompliance, no penalties shall be assessed against the public servant. 9

> The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

DIGEST

Cortez (SB 274)

<u>Proposed law</u> requires political subdivisions to select a designee to aide the Board of Ethics in facilitating local training sessions, communicating with political subdivision officials and employees, and any other task as needed by the board to satisfy mandatory education and training requirements.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a provision for lobbyists to receive notices of noncompliance, and comply within time specified in the notice, if the mandatory education requirement is not met.

<u>Present law</u> provides a compliance deadline for failure to complete required annual education and training of 30 business days from the receipt of the notice of noncompliance.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the compliance deadline for failure to complete required annual education and training to 45 days from the mailing of the notice of noncompliance by the Board of Ethics.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 42:1170(E)(2); adds R.S. 42:1170(C)(4))