The original instrument was prepared by Jerry G. Jones. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Benjamin A. Huxen, II.

DIGEST

SB 395 Engrossed 2016 Regular Session Ward

Present law provides for the Louisiana State Law Institute and its powers, duties, and functions. Includes the membership, terms, duties and functions of the Law Institute Council.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that all meetings of the council shall be held at a public building open to the public and available without charge. At least two-thirds of all council meetings conducted each year shall be in Baton Rouge.

Proposed law further provides that, for council meetings held in Baton Rouge, preference shall be given to meeting at the state capitol if space is available. If space is not available, each public entity in Baton Rouge is authorized and encouraged to make meeting space available to the institute without charge.

Proposed law further provides that meetings of the institute shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records law.

Effective January 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 24:202(F) and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Provides that the meetings shall be held at a public building open to the public and available without charge and that at least two-thirds, rather than all, of such meetings occur in Baton Rouge.

2. Authorizes and encourages public entities in Baton Rouge to make meeting space available to the institute without charge.

3. Clarifies that institute meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law.