

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 786

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:160(B) and 171(A) and to enact R.S. 33:160(C), 171(D), and  
3 178(C) and (D), relative to municipal annexation; to require municipal governing  
4 authorities to provide copies of municipal annexation ordinances, by electronic  
5 medium, to the registrar of voters and the secretary of state; to provide alternative  
6 methods of providing such information; to provide for definitions; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:160(B) and 171(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 33:160(C), 171(D), and 178(C) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §160. Returns of election; recording returns; proclaiming result; effect of vote  
12 favoring annexation

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14 B. The municipal governing authority shall furnish ~~to~~, by electronic medium,  
15 the registrar of voters and the secretary of state a copy of all municipal ordinances  
16 annexing territory within fifteen days after adoption of such ordinances, as well as  
17 a map and written description of all newly annexed territory. If the municipal  
18 governing authority does not have the ability to submit the information required by  
19 this Subsection by electronic medium, the governing authority shall submit the  
20 information by certified mail or commercial courier.

21 C. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings  
22 ascribed to them by this Subsection:

23 (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

24 (2) "Commercial courier" means any foreign or domestic business entity  
25 having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which

1 acquires a signed receipt from the addressee, or the addressee's agent, of the letter  
2 or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the  
3 outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

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5 §171. Ordinance to enlarge or contract corporate limits; distribution of certain  
6 revenues in annexed areas

7 A. The limits and boundaries of incorporated municipalities shall remain as  
8 established on July 31, 1946, but may be enlarged or contracted, by ordinance of the  
9 governing body as hereinafter provided, the city of New Orleans excepted. The  
10 municipal governing authority shall furnish, by electronic medium, the registrar of  
11 voters of the affected area and the secretary of state a copy of all municipal  
12 ordinances annexing territory within fifteen days after adoption of such ordinances,  
13 as well as a map and written description of all newly annexed territory. If the  
14 municipal governing authority does not have the ability to submit the information  
15 required by this Subsection by electronic medium, the governing authority shall  
16 submit the information by certified mail or commercial courier.

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18 D. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings  
19 ascribed to them by this Subsection:

20 (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

21 (2) "Commercial courier" means any foreign or domestic business entity  
22 having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which  
23 acquires a signed receipt from the addressee, or the addressee's agent, of the letter  
24 or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the  
25 outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

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27 §178. Ordinance defining territory excluded or included and description of  
28 boundary as changed required to be filed with clerk of district court

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1           C. Each municipal governing authority shall furnish, by electronic medium,  
 2           the registrar of voters and the secretary of state a copy of the municipal ordinance  
 3           enlarging or contracting the boundaries of the municipality within fifteen days after  
 4           adoption of such ordinance, as well as a map and written description of the entire  
 5           boundary of the municipality as changed. If the municipal governing authority does  
 6           not have the ability to submit the information required by this Subsection by  
 7           electronic medium, the governing authority shall submit the information by certified  
 8           mail or commercial courier.

9           D. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings  
 10          ascribed to them by this Subsection:

11           (1) "Electronic medium" means by electronic mail or facsimile.

12           (2) "Commercial courier" means any foreign or domestic business entity  
 13          having as its primary purpose the delivery of letters and parcels of any type which  
 14          acquires a signed receipt from the addressee, or the addressee's agent, of the letter  
 15          or parcel upon completion of delivery and has no direct or indirect interest in the  
 16          outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

17          Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 18          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 19          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 20          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 21          effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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