

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 395****2016 Regular Session****Ward****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Provides for meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute. (1/1/17)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Requires that the building where Institute meetings are held be open to the public for purposes of the meeting.
2. Requires a preference be given for a meeting place that is available without charge or at a reduced cost.
3. Removes preference that meetings in Baton Rouge be held at the state capitol and provides a preference for meetings at L.S.U., unless another meeting space at a building is available at a lower cost.
4. Encourages entities to make meeting space available at a reduced cost or without charge.
5. Expands meeting requirements to meetings of any committee or subcommittee of the Institute in addition to meetings of the Institute council.
6. Applies meeting requirements to a majority of meetings instead of two-thirds of the meetings.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**DIGEST**

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Present law provides for the Louisiana State Law Institute (Institute) as an official advisory law revision commission, law reform agency, and legal research agency of the state of La. Provides that the governing body of the Institute is a council composed of elected members and members who hold certain offices and who are appointed by certain persons.

Proposed law retains these provisions but requires all meetings of the Institute, including the council, committees, and subcommittees be held at a building open to the public for the purposes of the meeting. Requires at least a majority of all meetings conducted each year to be held in Baton Rouge. Requires that for council meetings held in Baton Rouge, preference be given to meeting at Louisiana State University unless, after reasonable inquiry by the Institute, another meeting space at a building elsewhere is available at a lower cost. Requires that preference be given to a meeting space available without charge or at a reduced cost and encourages entities to make meeting space available to the Institute without charge or at a reduced cost.

Proposed law specifically requires that meetings of the Institute shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records law.

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

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