

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 439

BY SENATOR CHABERT

COASTAL PROTECT/RES AUTH. Requires the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to meet at a location with internet audio and video streaming capability when votes are scheduled to occur. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:214.5.2(K), relative to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; to provide for the functions and responsibilities of the board; to require the board to meet at a location with internet audio and video streaming capability when votes are scheduled to occur; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:214.5.2(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§214.5.2. Functions and responsibilities; Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board

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K.(1) The board shall broadcast over the internet live audio and video streams of all its board meetings in which votes are scheduled to occur.

(2) All meetings broadcast in accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least five years after the date of the meeting.

(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as provided in R.S.

42:11 et seq.

(4) The audio and video records created pursuant to this Subsection shall not be construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of the proceedings of a meeting of the board.

(5) If the board is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of this Subsection due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate internet broadcast, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board shall not be construed to be a violation of the provisions of this Subsection. However, the board shall take no votes at this meeting.

Section 2. 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.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

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Proposed law requires that all meetings conducted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) board be broadcast live over the internet in which votes are scheduled to occur.

Proposed law requires that all broadcasts be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least five years after the meeting date.

Proposed law does not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the La. Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.).

Proposed law provides that the audio and video records created pursuant to proposed law are not to be construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of the proceedings of a meeting of the board.

Proposed law provides that if the board is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of proposed law due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate internet broadcasts, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board shall not be construed to be a violation of proposed law, however, no voting shall occur.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.5.2(K))