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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute Council, committees, and subcommittees.

Present law provides that all meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute (LSLI) Council, committees, and subcommittees shall be held at a meeting space located in a public building and open to the public for the purposes of the meeting.

Proposed law retains present law as it relates to LSLI Council meetings.

Present law provides that at least a majority of the LSLI Council, committee, and subcommittee meetings held each year shall be in Baton Rouge.

Proposed law instead provides that half of the Council meetings shall be in Baton Rouge and eliminates the requirement that committee and subcommittee meetings be held in Baton Rouge.

Proposed law authorizes LSLI committees and subcommittees to conduct periodic meetings via electronic means provided LSLI does the following:

- (1) Provides the notice and agenda for the meeting 24 hours prior thereto on the LSLI website and by email to those requesting notice.
- (2) Provides a mechanism to receive public comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting.
- (3) Properly identify and acknowledge all public comments during the meeting and maintain those comments in its record of the meeting.
- (4) Ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and that all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting, including the public.

Proposed law further provides that a committee or subcommittee shall not conduct successive meetings via electronic means.

Proposed law shall not limit the conduct of meetings via electronic means during a gubernatorially proclaimed or declared disaster or emergency.

Proposed law authorizes the LSLI to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures to allow the public to participate in a meeting via electronic means.

Proposed law defines "meeting via electronic means", "teleconference", and "video conference".

(Amends R.S. 24:202(F)(1) and (G))