

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Requests local public bodies to allow the public to view and participate in meetings via electronic means to the extent practicable

1                                 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request local public bodies to provide for a mechanism for the public to submit  
3           input concerning agenda items via electronic mail and, to the extent practicable, to  
4           allow the public to view and participate in meetings via electronic means.

5           WHEREAS, during the most recent emergency, many public bodies conducted  
6 meetings via electronic means; and

7           WHEREAS, in order to utilize electronic means for its meeting, the public body was  
8 required to provide a mechanism to receive public comment electronically both prior to and  
9 during the meeting and was required to properly identify and acknowledge all public  
10 comments during the meeting and to maintain those comments in its record of the meeting;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, providing a mechanism to receive public comment electronically  
13 enabled many citizens, particularly those in the disabled community, to provide valuable  
14 input to their local public officials, and local public bodies should continue to allow  
15 members of the public to provide comment in this manner; and

16           WHEREAS, to the fullest extent practicable, local public bodies should also continue  
17 to provide a way for citizens to electronically view meetings and provide a way for the  
18 public to participate in the meetings via electronic means.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
20 urge and request local public bodies to provide for a mechanism for the public to submit

1 input concerning agenda items via electronic mail and, to the extent practicable, to allow the  
2 public to view and participate in meetings via electronic means.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Concurrent Resolution be  
4 transmitted to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Municipal  
5 Association, and the Louisiana School Boards Association with a request for each of those  
6 associations to disseminate a copy of the Resolution to its members.

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DIGEST

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