Honorable Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President
Louisiana State Senate
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RE: Veto of Senate Bill 224 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 224 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This well-intentioned bill would allow for remote operations of the Louisiana Legislature during a declared emergency. While this bill would certainly allow for needed changes for access of legislative members and the public to the necessary operations of the legislative branch, Article 3, Section 2 (A) of the Louisiana Constitution requires, without exception, the legislature to meet “in the state capital.” Thus, without a constitutional amendment, this bill violates this constitutional provision. The companion amendment, Senate Bill 225, did not finally pass the legislature. Thus, this bill cannot become law.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House of Representatives