

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) and R.S. 49:1305.1, relative to notifications of public meetings; to require public bodies to provide notice of meetings to any person; to require public bodies to give notice of meetings to the commissioner of administration; to provide for the duties of the commissioner of administration relative thereto; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§19. Notice of meetings

A.

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(2) Written public notice given by all public bodies, except the legislature and its committees and subcommittees, shall include, but need not be limited to:

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(b) ~~Mailing a copy of the~~ Giving notice to any member of the public or the news media who requests notice of such meetings; ~~any such member of the news media shall be given notice of all meetings by providing the notice to the requestor at the same time and~~ in the same manner as it is given to members of the public body.

(c) Submitting a notice of each meeting to the commissioner of administration in the manner required by R.S. 49:1303 and 1305.1.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 49:1305.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §1305.1. Additional limited applicability of Chapter; notices of meetings only;
3 duties of the commissioner

4 A. Each public body as defined in R.S. 42:13 not included in R.S. 49:1305
5 but which is required to give notice of its meetings in the manner required by R.S.
6 42:19(A), is subject to the provisions of this Section but not to other provisions of
7 this Chapter.

8 B. Each public body subject to this Section shall submit each notice of a
9 meeting to the commissioner of administration in a manner which allows the
10 commissioner enough time to post the notice on the website established pursuant to
11 R.S. 49:1301 prior to the deadline applicable to the public body for giving notice
12 pursuant to R.S. 42:19(A).

13 C. All submissions of notice required by this Section shall be made in an
14 electronic format designated by the commissioner of administration.

15 D. The commissioner of administration shall include each notice received
16 pursuant to this Section on the website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301 in an
17 easily searchable format and shall provide for the capability for members of the
18 public to request and receive electronic notifications of meetings.

19 E. The commissioner of administration shall establish a timeline and plan for
20 the implementation of the technological functions of the website established pursuant
21 to R.S. 49:1301 required by Subsection D of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____