
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires meetings of the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to broadcast live all proceedings in public meetings and requires that meetings be recorded and archived for at least two years.

Present law (Open Meetings Law) authorizes all of the proceedings in a public meeting to be video or tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law applies to public meetings of the Board of Ethics and the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, except to investigations and private hearings conducted by the Board of Ethics (R.S. 42:1141.4). Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the Board of Ethics and the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings and defines "broadcast live" as the publicly available distribution of audio and video of a meeting in real or near real time via the internet or television broadcast. Proposed law requires that all meetings be recorded and made available to the public in an online archive located on the Board of Ethics website for at least two years.

Proposed law further provides that the failure to broadcast live due to a technological failure beyond the control of the Board of Ethics or beyond its ability to resolve timely is not a violation of present law or proposed law.

Proposed law does not apply to any executive session or any investigation or private hearing of the Board of Ethics or Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure.

Proposed law requires the Board of Ethics to establish standards for the use of lighting, recording, or broadcasting equipment to ensure proper decorum in a public meeting.

Proposed law requires the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to utilize a meeting space currently owned or leased by the state and equipped with broadcasting capabilities. Requires each officer, board, commission, council, department, or agency of state government and each political subdivision of the state to cooperate in providing a suitable location and equipment for meetings required by proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 42:1136)