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SENATE BILL NO. 212

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Requires proceedings to be video or tape recorded filmed, or broadcast live. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 42:23(A) and to enact R.S. 44:36(F), relative to public meetings;
3	to require proceedings to be video or tape recorded, filmed or broadcast live; to
4	provide for the preservation of certain records; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 42:23(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§23. Sonic and video recordings; live broadcast
8	A. All or any part of the proceedings in a public meeting may shall be video
9	or tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live.
10	* * *
11	Section 2. R.S. 44:36(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§36. Preservation of records
13	* * *
14	(F) All existing records or records hereafter accumulated pursuant to
15	R.S. 42:23 shall be preserved and maintained for a period of at least two years
16	from the date on which the public record was made.
17	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

- 1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
- by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
- 3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 4 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that all or any part of the proceedings in a public meeting may be video or tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to require that all of the proceedings in a public meeting shall be video or tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all existing records or records hereafter accumulated pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> will be preserved and maintained for a period of at least two years from the date on which the public record was made.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:23(A); adds R.S. 44:36(F))