

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 308 by Representative Adams

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Provides relative to public meetings of certain parish and municipal governing authorities

Synopsis of Senate Amendments
<p>1. Limits the application of <u>proposed law</u> relative to utilizing consent agendas for meeting agendas with more than 50 items to the governing authorities of parishes with a population of 200,000 or more and in municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more.</p>

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.) establishes the "Open Meetings Law" governing public bodies in Louisiana.

Present law provides that all public bodies, except the legislature and its committees and subcommittees, shall give written public notice of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting no later than 24 hours before the meeting. Such notice must include the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting and may not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that each item on the agenda must be listed separately and described with reasonable specificity. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that before the public body may take action on an agenda item, the presiding officer or his designee must read aloud the description of the item. Proposed law retains present law except authorizes governing authorities in parishes with a population of 200,000 or more and municipal governing authorities in municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more with more than 50 items on the agenda of a meeting to take action on consent agenda items without reading the description aloud. Proposed law defines "consent agenda" as a grouping of procedural or routine agenda items that can be approved with general discussion.

(Amends R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(bb); Adds R.S. 42:13(A)(4) and 19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(dd))