
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Gallot to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65
by Senator Gallot

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, After "To" delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 3 through 18,
3 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 12, and insert the following:

4 "direct each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the identity and
5 contact information of its custodian available to the public in a manner that will allow a
6 member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person to whom a public records
7 request should be submitted, including by placing such information on the Internet.

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana recognizes the right of the people of the
9 state to participate directly in the affairs of government in providing, in Article XII,
10 Section 3, that no person shall be denied the right to examine public documents, except as
11 provided by law; and

12 WHEREAS, the legislature enacted the Public Records Law to provide relative to
13 this right; and

14 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law applies to each "public body", which term is
15 defined to include any branch, department, office, agency, board, commission, district,
16 governing authority, political subdivision, or any committee, subcommittee, advisory board,
17 or task force thereof, any other instrumentality of state, parish, or municipal government,
18 including a public or quasi-public nonprofit corporation designated as an entity to perform
19 a governmental or proprietary function, or an affiliate of a housing authority; and

20 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law establishes a framework for the ready
21 availability of public records to requesting persons; and

22 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law specifically provides that it is the duty of the
23 custodian of the public records of a public body to provide copies to persons so requesting;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the identity and contact information for most custodians of public
26 records are not readily available to members of the public; and

27 WHEREAS, many public bodies contain other public bodies which may have their
28 own custodians, although this is not always the case; and

29 WHEREAS, it is therefore difficult in many instances for a member of the public to
30 determine to whom a public records request should be submitted; and

31 WHEREAS, this difficulty increases the time and expense involved in examining
32 public records and thereby impedes the public's ability to exercise this important right
33 granted in the constitution; and

34 WHEREAS, the Internet has become an important resource for the public to obtain
35 important information, including information concerning government.

36 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
37 direct each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the identity and
38 contact information of its custodian available to the public in a manner that will allow a
39 member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person to whom a public records
40 request should be submitted, including by placing such information on the Internet.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
42 chief justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, each statewide elected official, the chief
43 executive officer of each department in the executive branch of state government, the
44 speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the Louisiana
45 Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and the Louisiana School
46 Boards Association."