

SENATE BILL NO. 235

BY SENATOR ALLAIN AND REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19.1(A)(1), relative to the procedure of meetings of political
3 subdivisions; to require the delivery of certain notices concerning meetings related
4 to tax measures to certain officials and to certain state senators and representatives;
5 to exclude certain meetings of political subdivisions from certain notice
6 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 42:19.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §19.1. Procedure for the levy, increase, renewal, or continuation of a tax or for
10 calling an election for such purposes by political subdivisions

11 A.(1) ~~In (a)~~ **Except as provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this**
12 **Paragraph, in** addition to any other requirements provided for in R.S. 42:19 or other
13 provisions of law, public notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting at which
14 a political subdivision as defined in Article VI, Section 44(2) of the Constitution of
15 Louisiana intends to levy **a new ad valorem property tax or sales and use tax, or**
16 **increase; or renew; or continue** any **existing** ad valorem property tax or sales and use
17 tax, or authorize the calling of an election for submittal of such question to the voters
18 of the political subdivision shall be ~~both~~ published in the official journal of the
19 political subdivision no more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before such
20 public meeting ~~and~~; shall be announced to the public during the course of a public
21 meeting of such political subdivision no more than sixty days nor less than thirty
22 days before such public meeting; **and notice of such meeting shall be written and**
23 **hand delivered or transmitted by email to each voting member of any governing**
24 **authority of a political subdivision that is required to approve such a measure**
25 **previously adopted by another governing authority and to each state senator**
26 **and representative in whose district all or a portion of the political subdivision**
27 **is located, no more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before such public**

1 meeting. Email delivery shall be made to the official email address of such
 2 voting members or legislators and to any other address provided in writing to
 3 the political subdivision by such a voting member or legislator. The inadvertent
 4 failure to notify a state senator or representative as required by this Subsection
 5 shall not constitute a violation of this Section; however, the knowing failure to
 6 notify a state senator or representative as required by this Subsection or the
 7 willful disregard of the requirement to notify a state senator or representative
 8 as required by this Subsection shall constitute a violation of this Chapter.

9 (b) If at a meeting held in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this
 10 Paragraph a political subdivision adopts such a measure, the provisions of this
 11 Section shall not apply to a subsequent meeting of such political subdivision if
 12 the only action taken at the subsequent meeting is one which results in a change
 13 to the previously adopted measure that reduces the rate or term of the tax in the
 14 measure and thereby reduces the total amount of tax that would be collected
 15 under the measure, or substantially reduces the cost to the political subdivision
 16 of any bond or debt obligation to be incurred by the political subdivision.

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18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2014.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____