

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 225

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

FUNDS/FUNDING. Requires the legislative and judicial branches to make their budgets available online to the public. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51(D), relative to legislative and judicial budgets; to provide  
3 for public distribution; and to provide for related matters.  
4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
5 Section 1. R.S. 39:51(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
6 §51. General Appropriation Bill; other apportionment bills  
7 \* \* \*  
8 D. The bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill  
9 appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall be submitted by the  
10 legislature and the judiciary, respectively, for introduction no later than forty-five  
11 days prior to each regular session of the legislature, except that during the first year  
12 of each term they shall be submitted no later than thirty days prior to the regular  
13 session of the legislature. The bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the  
14 legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall  
15 include a comparative statement of the existing operating budget for the current  
16 fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year. At the same time as  
17 the legislative and judicial budgets are submitted for introduction, they shall be

1            **made available for public distribution through electronic media.**

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3            Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not  
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
7 effective on the day following such approval.

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

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DIGEST

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Proposed law provides that when the legislative and judicial budgets are submitted for introduction, they shall be made available online to the public.

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

(Amends R.S. 39:51(D))