

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 285

BY SENATOR WARD

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Provides an exception to the Open Meetings Law relative to attorney-client privilege. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17(A)(10), relative to exceptions to open meetings; to provide
3 for attorney-client privilege; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 42:17(A)(10) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §17. Exceptions to open meetings

7 A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or
8 more of the following reasons:

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10 (10) ~~Or~~ **Discussion of matters subject to attorney-client privilege, or** any other
11 matters now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

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

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Present law provides a list of exceptions to the open meetings law by allowing a public body to hold an executive session pursuant to present law.

Proposed law adds the exception of discussion of matters subject to attorney-client privilege to the list of exceptions.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 42:17(A)(10))