## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the identity and contact information of the custodian available to the public.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 44:1 et seq.—Public Records Law) provides for access and retention of public records. Establishes a framework for the ready availability of public records to requesting persons, and specifically provides that it is the duty of the custodian of the public records for a public entity or agency to provide copies to persons so requesting.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally requires each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the identity and contact information of the custodian available to the public in a manner that will allow a member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person to whom a public records request should be submitted, including by placing such information on the internet.

(Adds R.S. 44:33.1)