

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 395

2016 Regular Session

Ward

June 3, 2016

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 395 by Senator Ward, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That House Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House on May 13, 2016, be rejected.
2. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 proposed by Representative Abramson and adopted by the House on May 25, 2016, be rejected.
3. That the following amendment to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 16 and insert:

**"F. (1) All meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute, including but not limited to council, committee, and subcommittee meetings, shall be held at a meeting space located in a public building and open to the public for the purposes of the meeting. The institute shall select meeting space that is available without charge or at a reduced cost. At least a majority of the council meetings, and at least a majority of the meetings of each committee, subcommittee or other body of the institute, held each year shall be in Baton Rouge.**

**(2) Public entities are authorized and encouraged to make meeting space available to the institute without charge or at a reduced cost.**

**(3) For meetings held in Baton Rouge, preference shall be given to meeting at Louisiana State University unless, after reasonable inquiry by the institute, another meeting space at a public building elsewhere in Baton Rouge is available at a lower cost."**

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

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Senator Rick Ward, III

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Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny

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Senator John Milkovich

Representatives:

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Representative Chris Broadwater

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Representative Michael E. Danahay

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Representative Neil C. Abramson

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The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry Jones.

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Provides relative to the Louisiana State Law Institute (1/1/17)

**Report adopts House amendments to:**

None

**Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Provided that meetings of the Institute shall be held at a building open to the public for the purposes of the meeting. At least a majority of such meetings shall be held in Baton Rouge.
2. Provided that preference shall be given to a meeting space available without charge or at a reduced cost, and that entities were authorized and encouraged to make meeting space available without charge or at a reduced cost.
3. Provided that for meetings held in Baton Rouge, preference would be given to meeting at LSU unless, after reasonable inquiry by the institute, another meeting space at a building elsewhere was available at a lower cost.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Revise language to provide that meetings shall be held at a public building, that at least a majority of such meetings shall be held in Baton Rouge, that the institute shall select meeting space available without charge or at a reduced cost, and that for meetings in Baton Rouge, preference shall be given to meeting at LSU unless, after reasonable inquiry by the institute, another meeting space at a public building elsewhere in Baton Rouge is available at a lower cost.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law creates the Louisiana State Law Institute as a commission and agency of the state and provides for its powers, duties, and functions. Provides that it is domiciled at the Law School of Louisiana State University. Further provides for the membership, terms, duties and functions of the Law Institute Council.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that all meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute, including but not limited to council, committee, and subcommittee meetings, shall be held at a meeting space located in a public building and open to the public for the purposes of the meeting. Provides that the institute shall select meeting space that is available without charge or at a reduced cost. Further provides that at least a majority of the council meetings, and at least a majority of the meetings of each committee, subcommittee or other body of the institute, held each year shall be in Baton Rouge.

Proposed law provides that public entities are authorized and encouraged to make meeting space available to the institute without charge or at a reduced cost.

Proposed law further provides that for meetings held in Baton Rouge, preference shall be given to meeting at Louisiana State University unless, after reasonable inquiry by the institute, another meeting space at a public building elsewhere in Baton Rouge is available at a lower cost.

Proposed law also provides that meetings of the institute shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 24:202(F) and (G))