

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

PUBLIC RECORDS: Requires public bodies to make certain information concerning the custodian of records publicly available

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 44:33.1, relative to public records; to require public bodies to make certain  
3 information concerning the custodian of records publicly available; to provide for the  
4 manner in which such information is required to be made publicly available; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 44:33.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §33.1. Custodian; contact information

9 Each public body that has a custodian of public records shall make the  
10 identity and contact information of the custodian available to the public in a manner  
11 that will allow a member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person  
12 to whom a public records request should be submitted, including by placing such  
13 information on the internet.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 81 Engrossed

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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.

Present law (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.

Proposed law retains present law 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)