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To enact R.S. 42:1136, relative to the broadcast and recordation of meetings of the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure; to require the live broadcast of such meetings; to require a recorded archive of such meetings; to provide for exceptions; to provide for duties of the board related thereto; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1136 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1136. Broadcast and recordation of meetings

A. The Board of Ethics shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings, including meetings held when functioning as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure. Each meeting shall be recorded and made available to the public in an online archive located on the Board of Ethics website for at least two years.

B.(1) The failure to broadcast live as required by this Section due to a technological failure beyond the control of the Board of Ethics or beyond its ability to resolve timely is not a violation of this Section or the provisions of the Open Meetings Law.

(2) The requirement in this Section to broadcast meetings does not apply to any executive session held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law or any investigation or private hearing held in accordance with this Chapter.

1 (3) The Board of Ethics shall establish standards for the use of lighting,
 2 recording, or broadcasting equipment to ensure proper decorum in a public meeting.

3 C. For purposes of this Section, "broadcast live" means the publicly available
 4 distribution of audio and video of a meeting in real or near real time via the internet
 5 or television broadcast.

6 Section 2. For purposes of implementing the provisions of this Act, the Board of
 7 Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure shall only utilize a
 8 meeting space currently owned or leased by the state and equipped with broadcasting
 9 capabilities. Each officer, board, commission, council, department, or agency of state
 10 government and each political subdivision of the state shall cooperate in providing a suitable
 11 location and equipment for meetings of the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on
 12 Campaign Finance Disclosure as necessary to allow the Board of Ethics and Supervisory
 13 Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to comply with the provisions of this Act.

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2026.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____