

# ACT No. 162

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON AND MCMAKIN

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §1136. Broadcast and recordation of meetings

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

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

19 (2) The requirement in this Section to broadcast meetings does not apply to  
20 any executive session held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law or any  
21 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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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