
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the video recording and live broadcast of public meetings held by a public entity created by law.

Present law (R.S. 42:23) provides that all proceedings in a public meeting may be video taped, audio taped, or broadcast live. Provides that each nonelected board or commission that has the authority to levy a tax shall video or audio record, film, or broadcast live all proceedings in a public meeting. Provides that the parish governing authority in a parish with a population of 25,000 or more shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings, including the parish governing authority's committee meetings. Provides that each school board in a parish with a population of 25,000 or more shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings, including the school board's committee meetings. Provides that each governing authority of a municipality with a population of 10,000 or more shall broadcast live all city council meetings including city council committee meetings and further provides there is no requirement to broadcast a committee meeting where members are volunteers. Provides that the failure of a public body to broadcast live as required by present law due to a technological failure beyond the control of the public body or beyond its ability to resolve timely is not a violation of present law.

Present law does not apply to executive session. Provides that a public body shall establish standards for the use of lighting, recording, or broadcasting equipment to ensure proper decorum in a public meeting.

Proposed law retains present law and requires each public entity created by law to video record and broadcast live all proceedings in a public meeting.

(Amends R.S. 42:23(B)(1) and (2)(b), (c), and (d))