

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 47

BY SENATOR MIZELL

PUBLIC RECORDS. Requires certain email and telephone contact information for individual members of a board and commission. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1302(D) and R.S. 43:82(5) as redesignated from R.S.  
3 49:1302(D) by Acts 2025, No. 374, relative to boards and commissions; to require  
4 email and telephone information of each member on the website; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:1302(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1302. Website; content

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10 D. Contact information, including the name of one or more contacts at the  
11 board, commission, or like entity; a mailing address; an e-mail address **for each**  
12 **board or commission member, whether private or accessible through the board**  
13 **or commission** if applicable; a website address, if applicable; and a phone number  
14 **for each board or commission member. The provisions of this Subsection shall**  
15 **not require a member of a board or commission to have a mobile or landline**  
16 **phone provided for their use with public funds. The chairman of the board or**  
17 **commission shall have a publicly available phone number at which the**

1 chairman may be reached included with his contact information. The chairman  
2 shall serve as the emergency point of contact for the board or commission.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 43:82(5) is redesignated from R.S. 49:1302 by Acts 2025, No. 374,  
5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §82. Website; content

7 The commissioner of administration shall post on the Official Journal of the  
8 State the following information for boards and commissions:

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10 (5) Contact information, including the name of one or more contacts at the  
11 board; or commission; ~~or like entity~~; a mailing address; an email address for each  
12 board or commission member, whether private or accessible through the board  
13 or commission if applicable; a website address, if applicable; and a phone number  
14 for each board or commission member. The provisions of this Paragraph shall  
15 not require a member of a board or commission to have a mobile or landline  
16 phone provided for their use with public funds. The chairman of the board or  
17 commission shall have a publicly available phone number at which the  
18 chairman may be reached included with his contact information. The chairman  
19 shall serve as the emergency point of contact for the board or commission.

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21 Section 3. The provisions of Section 2 shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Present law requires that certain information be included on the boards and commissions website.

Proposed law requires that the boards and commissions website include each member's private email address or an email address accessible through the board or commission and a phone number for each member.

Proposed law clarifies that this subsection does not require the purchase of mobile or landline phones for board and commission members.

Proposed law provides that the chairman of a board or commission shall have a publicly available phone number included with his information and that the chairman is designated as the emergency contact for the board or commission.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 49:1302(D) and R.S.43:82(5) as redesignated by Acts 2025, No. 374)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Removed "direct" from the requirement for a phone number.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that no phone is required to be purchased with public funds for this section. Provides that chairman shall have publicly available number listed with contact information and that the chairman is designated as emergency contact for board or commission.
2. Removes "direct" from the phone number requirement.
3. Provides that no phone is required to be purchased with public funds. Provides that chairman shall have publicly available number listed with contact information and that the chairman is designated as emergency contact for board or commission.