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DIGEST

Buffington (SB 81)

Present law (R.S. 42:5 et seq.) provides for open meetings for public bodies and authorizes the live broadcast and recording of such meetings.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that all meetings conducted in Baton Rouge by the boards of supervisors for the Louisiana State University (LSU) system, the Southern University (SU) system, the University of Louisiana (UL) system, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College (LCTCS) system or any of their committees be broadcast live over the Internet.

Proposed law requires that all broadcasts be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least one year after the meeting date.

Proposed law does not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the La. Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.).

Proposed law provides that the audio and video records created pursuant to proposed law not be construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its committees.

Proposed law provides that if any of the boards are precluded from fulfilling the requirements of proposed law due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate Internet broadcasts, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its committees shall not be construed to be a violation of proposed law.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 17:1455.1, 1831.1, 1853.1, and 1872.1)