

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 81**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Broadwater**

**PUBLIC RECORDS:** Requires public bodies to make certain information concerning the custodian of records publicly available

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Remove the requirement that the identity of the custodian be made public.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law (R.S. 44:1 et seq.—Public Records Law) provides for access and retention of public records. Establishes a framework for the ready availability of public records to requesting persons, and specifically provides that it is the duty of the custodian of the public records for a public entity or agency to provide copies to persons so requesting.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the contact information of the custodian available to the public in a manner that will allow a member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person to whom a public records request should be submitted, including by placing such information on the internet.

(Adds R.S. 44:33.1)