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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR PRICE

JOINT RULES. Provides for establishment of a public internet site related to redistricting activities of the legislature.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To adopt Joint Rule No. 21 of the Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of
3	Representatives, relative to the development and maintenance of an internet site to
4	provide information regarding the redistricting activities of the legislature; to provide
5	for minimum content for the site; to provide relative to certain capabilities of the site;
6	and to provide for the duties of the presiding officers of the legislature relative
7	thereto.
8	BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana adopts Joint Rule No. 21 of the
9	Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of Representatives to read as follows:
10	Joint Rule No. 21 Reapportionment Transparency Website
11	A. The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
12	Representatives, acting jointly, shall provide for and maintain a public internet
13	site to enable the public to obtain information regarding the redistricting
14	activities of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the legislature. The
15	president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
16	make every effort to ensure that the site has an easily memorable domain name
17	and that the functionality of the site is as intuitive as possible.

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1	B. The legislative redistricting site required by Subsection A of this Rule
2	shall at a minimum:
3	(1) Provide advance and timely information regarding legislative
4	redistricting meetings and activities, including a timeline for the redistricting
5	process.
6	(2) Provide links to the most recent population data from the United
7	States Census Bureau.
8	(3) Provide links to the most recent voter registration and election
9	statistics from the Department of State.
10	(4) Permit any person to download the precinct shapefiles that will be
11	used by the legislature to accomplish its redistricting tasks.
12	(5) Permit any person to submit comments and questions regarding any
13	proposed redistricting plan to be acted upon by the legislature.
14	(6) Provide access to proposed redistricting bills as well as any
15	accompanying maps or statistics.
16	(7) Provide information regarding the laws impacting the redistricting
17	process.
18	(8) Provide concise, easily understood answers to common questions
19	regarding redistricting and the process in Louisiana.
20	(9) Provide a mechanism for a person to register to receive notifications
21	regarding redistricting meetings and legislation.
22	C. If the legislative redistricting site is temporarily inaccessible due to a
23	technical problem or difficulty beyond the control of the presiding officers of
24	the legislature, the temporary inaccessibility of information on the legislative
25	redistricting site shall not be construed in any manner to be a violation of the
26	provisions of Subsections A or B of this Rule.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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<u>Proposed joint rule</u> provides for the creation and maintenance of a website to provide information regarding redistricting and stipulates that the website will include features to enable public comment and send notifications regarding relevant meetings and legislation to registered users.

(Adds Jt. Rule No. 21)