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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of electronic voting machines for purposes of voting in public meetings.

Present law provides that every meeting of any public body shall be open to the public unless closed pursuant to a present law exception.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that all votes made by members of a public body in a public meeting shall be viva voce and shall be recorded in the minutes, journal, or other official, written proceedings of the body, which shall be a public document.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that members of a public body may also vote by electronic voting machine that publicly displays how each member votes.

Proposed law shall be given prospective application only and shall not apply to any pending litigation.

(Amends R.S. 42:14(C))