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HOUSE BILL NO. 375

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Provides relative to reports required to be submitted to the legislature

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:772(A) and (B), relative to reports required to be submitted to the legislature; to delete the requirement that an agency provide only one printed copy of such a report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature; to permit an agency to send an electronic copy of a report to one or more members of the legislature; to require electronic delivery of a list of agency reports and publications; to require the list to be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library; to provide for the content of the list; to require each agency to distribute an electronic copy of each report and publication on such list to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library; to provide a deadline for the submission of such information; to provide for delivery of the information in the list to the members of the legislature; to change the number of paper copies required to be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:772(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§772. Distribution of reports

A.(1) To comply with any provision of law and any resolution requiring or requesting the submission of reports to the legislature, ~~it shall be sufficient to provide~~

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~~one printed copy of the report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. In addition,~~ the agency shall send an e-mail notification which contains an electronic copy of the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in such an electronic format as may be determined by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. The David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library shall distribute a list of such reports to the members of the legislature via e-mail and, upon the request of a member, via paper copy. ~~Additionally, each agency shall distribute a list of its reports and publications to each member of the legislature by mail each year.~~

(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, an agency may send an electronic copy of a report to one or more members of the legislature.

(3)(a) Each agency shall distribute a list of its reports and publications to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by February first of each year. The list shall include all reports and publications issued by the agency during the previous calendar year and shall be sent via e-mail.

(b) Each agency shall also distribute an electronic copy of each report and publication on such list to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by February first of each year.

(c) The David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library shall ensure that the information required to be submitted pursuant to this Paragraph, including a link to each report and publication, is distributed via e-mail to each member of the legislature.

B. In addition to the distributions required in Subsection A of this Section, ~~five printed copies~~ one printed copy of each report shall be filed with the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library. The David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library shall be a depository for all reports and shall receive such materials without cost within five days of publication.

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DIGEST

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Lorusso HB No. 375

Abstract: Removes requirement that an agency send printed copies of required reports to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library. Authorizes an agency to e-mail a list of available reports to one or more members of the legislature. Provides for the submission of certain information concerning agency reports and publications to the legislature and distribution of such information to the members of the legislature.

Present law provides that in order to comply with any law or resolution requiring or requesting the submission of reports to the legislature, it shall be sufficient to provide one printed copy of the report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. Provides that in addition, the agency shall send an e-mail notification which contains an electronic copy of the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in such an electronic format as may be determined by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. Requires the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library to distribute a list of such reports to the members of the legislature via e-mail and, upon the request of a member, via paper copy.

Proposed law removes the requirement that an agency submit one printed copy of a required report to each presiding officer. Further provides that an agency may send an electronic copy of a report to one or more members of the legislature.

Present law requires each agency to distribute a list of its reports and publications to each member of the legislature by mail each year.

Proposed law requires that the list be sent via e-mail to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by Feb. 1 each year; requires the list to include all agency reports and publications for the previous calendar year. Requires each agency to also distribute an electronic copy of each report and publication on such list to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by Feb. 1 each year. Requires the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library to ensure that the information required to be submitted pursuant to proposed law, including a link to each report and publication, is distributed via e-mail to each member of the legislature.

Present law requires an agency, when complying with present law, to submit five printed copies of each report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library. Proposed law changes this requirement from five copies to one copy.

(Amends R.S. 24:772(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Deletes present law requirement and a proposed change to it that agencies submit copies of reports required by law or resolution to the presiding officer of each house.

2. Changes the number of printed copies required by present law to be submitted by an agency to the legislative library from five to one.

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