HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 449 by Representative Abramson

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Specifies that discussions regarding the award of a public contract must be held in an open meeting

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that proposed law does not apply to certain discussions conducted pursuant to present law provisions allowing for the letting of certain public contracts via a competitive request for proposals process.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law generally requires meetings of public bodies be open to the public but provides exceptions. One exception involves discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, which present law authorizes public bodies to hold in executive session provided that notice is given to the person and that the person may require such discussion to be held in an open meeting. Specifically indicates that a discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body is not covered by this exception.

Proposed law retains present law and further specifies that a discussion of the awarding of a public contract is also not covered by the exception. Provides that proposed law does not apply to certain discussions conducted pursuant to present law provisions allowing for the letting of certain public contracts via a competitive request for proposals process (R.S. 39:1593(C)(2)(c)).

(Amends R.S. 42:17(A)(1))