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Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 449

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

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

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17(A)(1), relative to open meetings; to provide relative to exceptions and executive sessions; to provide relative to discussions regarding awarding of public contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:17(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§17. Exceptions to open meetings

A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting. ~~and provided that~~ However, nothing in this ~~Subsection~~ Paragraph shall permit an executive session for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body or, except as provided in R.S. 39:1593(C)(2)(c), for discussing the award of a public contract. In cases of extraordinary emergency, written notice to such person shall not be required;

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however, the public body shall give such notice as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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