

Regular Session, 2012

# ACT No. 461

HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY (BY REQUEST)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii), relative to meetings of public bodies; to  
3 provide relative to notice of such meetings; to provide relative to meeting agendas;  
4 to provide relative to the duties of the presiding officer of a public body relative to  
5 agenda items; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §19. Notice of meetings

10 A.(1)

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12 (b)

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14 (ii)(~~aa~~) Such notice shall include the agenda, date, time, and place of the  
15 meeting,~~provided that upon~~. The agenda shall not be changed less than twenty-four  
16 hours prior to the meeting.

17 (bb) Each item on the agenda shall be listed separately and described with  
18 reasonable specificity. Before the public body may take any action on an item, the  
19 presiding officer or his designee shall read aloud the description of the item.

20 (cc) Upon unanimous approval of the members present at a meeting of a  
21 public body, the public body may take up a matter not on the agenda. Any such  
22 matter shall be identified in the motion to take up the matter not on the agenda with

1 reasonable specificity, including the purpose for the addition to the agenda, and  
2 entered into the minutes of the meeting. Prior to any vote on the motion to take up  
3 a matter not on the agenda by the public body, there shall be an opportunity for  
4 public comment on any such motion in accordance with R.S. 42:14 or 15. The  
5 public body shall not use its authority to take up a matter not on the agenda as a  
6 subterfuge to defeat the purposes of this Chapter.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_