

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Amends requirements for notice of meetings of local governments at which action on taxes will occur

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19.1(A)(1), relative to meetings of local governments; to
3 provide for the applicability of certain requirements for notice of meetings at which
4 actions on taxes will occur; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:19.1(A)(1) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §19.1. Procedure for the levy, increase, renewal, or continuation of a tax or for
8 calling an election for such purposes by political subdivisions

9 A.(1) In addition to any other requirements provided for in R.S. 42:19 or
10 other provisions of law, public notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting at
11 which a political subdivision as defined in Article VI, Section 44(2) of the
12 Constitution of Louisiana intends to levy, increase, or renew, ~~or continue~~ any ad
13 valorem property tax or sales and use tax or authorize the calling of an election for
14 submittal of such question to the voters of the political subdivision shall be both
15 published in the official journal of the political subdivision no more than sixty days
16 nor less than thirty days before such public meeting and shall be announced to the
17 public during the course of a public meeting of such political subdivision no more
18 than sixty days nor less than thirty days before such public meeting.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to special notice requirements applicable to meetings of local governments at which actions on taxes will occur, provides that such special requirements are not required for a meeting at which a tax will be continued.

Present law requires public notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting at which any political subdivision intends to consider or take action to (1) levy, increase, renew, or continue any ad valorem property tax or sales and use tax or (2) authorize the calling of an election for submittal of such question to the voters of the political subdivision. Requires that such notice be published in the official journal of the political subdivision no more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the public hearing and be announced to the public during the course of a public meeting of such political subdivision during that time period.

Proposed law retains present law except to provide that this notice requirement does not apply if a tax is to be continued.

(Amends R.S. 42:19.1(A)(1))