

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Relative to special notice provisions for meetings of local governments involving changes to ad valorem or sales and use taxes

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 42:19.1, to repeal provisions providing for public notice requirements for

3 meetings of political subdivisions to consider changes to ad valorem taxes or sales

4 and use taxes.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:19.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals provisions providing for public notice requirements for meetings considering changes to ad valorem property taxes or sales and use taxes.

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

Present law requires that notice of the meeting be written and hand delivered or transmitted by email to each voting member of any governing authority of a political subdivision that is required to approve such a measure previously adopted by another governing authority and to each state senator and representative in whose district all or a portion of the political subdivision is located, no more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before such public meeting. Email delivery is required to be made to the official email address of such voting

members or legislators and to any other address provided in writing to the political subdivision by such a voting member or legislator.

Present law provides that, if consideration of or action upon the proposal was postponed at a scheduled meeting, or the proposal was considered at the scheduled meeting without action or vote, then any subsequent meeting to consider the proposal must be published 10 days before the subsequent meeting unless the date, time, and place of the subsequent meeting for consideration of the proposal is announced to the public during the course of such meeting.

Proposed law repeals present law in its entirety.

(Repeals R.S. 42:19.1)