

Regular Session, 2013

ACT No. 416

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BILLIOT, LEOPOLD, LORUSSO, TALBOT, AND
WILLMOTT AND SENATORS APPEL AND MARTINY

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(bb) and to enact R.S. 42:13(A)(4) and
3 19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(dd), relative to meetings of public bodies; to provide relative to
4 action by parish and municipal governing authorities with lengthy meeting agendas;
5 to provide definitions; 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)(bb) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 42:13(A)(4) and 19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(dd) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §13. Definitions

10 A. For the purposes of this Chapter:

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12 (4) "Consent agenda" means a grouping of procedural or routine agenda
13 items that can be approved with general discussion.

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15 §19. Notice of meetings

16 A.(1)

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18 (b)

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20 (ii)

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1 (bb) Each item on the agenda shall be listed separately and described with
 2 reasonable specificity. Before the public body may take any action on an item, the
 3 presiding officer or his designee shall read aloud the description of the item except
 4 as otherwise provided in Subitem (dd) of this Item.

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6 (dd) If an agenda of a meeting of a governing authority of a parish with a
 7 population of two hundred thousand or more according to the latest federal decennial
 8 census or municipality with a population of one hundred thousand or more according
 9 to the latest federal decennial census contains more than fifty items, the governing
 10 authority may take action on items listed on a consent agenda without reading the
 11 description of each item aloud. However, before any action is taken on items listed
 12 on a consent agenda, the governing authority shall allow a public comment period.
 13 Any item listed on a consent agenda may be removed from the consent agenda by
 14 an individual member of the governing authority if a person objects to the presence
 15 of the item on the consent agenda and provides reasons for individual discussion at
 16 the meeting. The name of the person who objects to a consent agenda item and the
 17 reasons for the objection shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____