

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 733

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Prohibits video and audio recordings of hearings by the Board of Pardons and committee on parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:23(A), relative to open meetings; to prohibit a member of the
3 public from recording, filming, or broadcasting video or audio of hearings conducted
4 by the Board of Pardons or committee on parole; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:23(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §23. Sonic and video recordings; live broadcast

8 A.(1) All of the proceedings in a public meeting may be video or tape
9 recorded, filmed, or broadcast live. However, any nonelected board or commission
10 that has the authority to levy a tax shall video or audio record, film, or broadcast live
11 all proceedings in a public meeting.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, no
13 member of the public may record, film, or broadcast video or audio of hearings
14 conducted by the Board of Pardons or committee on parole.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a member of the public from recording, filming, or broadcasting video or audio of hearings conducted by the Board of Pardons or committee on parole.

Present law (R.S. 42:23) provides that all of the proceedings in a public meeting may be video or tape recorded, filmed, or broadcast live. Requires each nonelected board or commission that has the authority to levy a tax to video or audio record, film, or broadcast live all proceedings in a public meeting. Requires a public body to establish standards for the use of lighting, recording or broadcasting equipment to insure proper decorum in a public meeting.

Proposed law retains present law. Provides, however, that no member of the public may record, film, or broadcast video or audio of hearings conducted by the Board of Pardons or committee on parole.

(Amends R.S. 42:23(A))