

SENATE BILL NO. 20

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

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

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:19.1, relative to political subdivisions; to provide publication and other requirements prior to consideration of and action upon certain matters at meetings of political subdivisions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:19.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

A.(1) In addition to any other requirements provided for in R.S. 42:19 or other provisions of law, public notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting at which a political subdivision as defined in Article VI, Section 44(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana intends to levy, increase, renew, or continue any ad valorem 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 shall be both published in the official journal of the political subdivision no more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before such public meeting and shall be announced to the public during the course of a public meeting of such political subdivision no more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before such public meeting.

(2)(a) In the event of cancellation or postponement of a meeting at which consideration of or action upon a proposal to levy, increase, renew, or continue any ad valorem or sales and use tax or authorize the calling of an election for

1 submittal of such questions to the voters of the political subdivision was
 2 scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place of any subsequent meeting to
 3 consider such proposal shall be published in the official journal of the political
 4 subdivision no less than ten days before such subsequent meeting.

5 (b) However, in the event that consideration of or action upon any such
 6 proposal was postponed at the scheduled meeting, or any such proposal was
 7 considered at the scheduled meeting without action or vote, then any subsequent
 8 meeting to consider such proposal shall be subject to the requirements of
 9 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph unless the date, time, and place of a
 10 subsequent meeting for consideration of such proposal is announced to the
 11 public during the course of such meeting.

12 B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any consideration of
 13 or action upon a proposal to levy additional or increased ad valorem property
 14 tax millages on property without voter approval to which the provisions of R.S.
 15 47:1705(B)(2)(c) and (d) apply.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____