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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR COLOMB

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Requires closed captioning of legislative proceedings that are broadcast.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To adopt Joint Rule No. 21 of the Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of
3	Representatives to provide for audio and video broadcast of legislative proceedings;
4	to require closed captioning of legislative proceedings that are broadcast; and for the
5	creation, nature, and maintenance of records thereof.
6	BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Joint Rule No. 21 of the
7	Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of Representatives is hereby adopted to read
8	as follows:
9	Joint Rule No. 21. Internet broadcast of proceedings; closed captioning;
10	maintenance; applicability
11	A. The president of the Senate and speaker of the House of
12	Representatives shall provide that audio, video, and closed captioning of the
13	entirety of all legislative proceedings occurring in Senate and House committee
14	rooms shall be broadcast live via the Internet.
15	B. The president of the Senate and speaker of the House of
16	Representatives shall provide that audio, video, and closed captioning of all
17	legislative proceedings in the Senate and House Chamber shall be broadcast live

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1	via the internet on each legislative day of a session.
2	C. The president of the Senate and speaker of the House of
3	Representatives shall provide that audio, video, and closed captioning of the
4	legislative proceedings occurring in Senate and House committee rooms or in
5	the Senate and House Chamber shall be recorded and maintained for a
6	minimum of three years and that such recorded legislative proceedings shall be
7	available to the public for viewing through a link clearly identified on the
8	Internet home page of the Senate and House of Representatives.
9	D.(1) The provisions of this Rule shall apply only to legislative
10	proceedings which occur in the State Capitol.

(2) The provisions of this Rule shall not apply to executive sessions authorized by law or rule.

(3) The audio, video, and closed captioning records created pursuant to this Rule shall not be construed as the official record of a legislative proceeding.

E. If either the president of the senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of this Rule due to a technical problem or difficulty beyond his control, the failure to broadcast or record a legislative proceeding shall not be construed in any manner to be a violation of the provisions of this Rule.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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Proposed Joint Rule requires the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives to provide that audio, video, and closed captioning of the entirety of legislative proceedings be broadcast live via the Internet and that audio, video, and closed captioning of the entirety of each such proceeding be recorded and maintained for a minimum of three years and made available to the public for viewing through a link clearly identified on the Senate's and House's Internet home page.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the provisions of proposed Joint Rule shall only apply to legislative proceedings in the State Capitol and that the audio, video, and closed captioning records created pursuant to proposed Joint Rule shall not be construed as the official record of a legislative proceeding.

Proposed Joint Rule does not apply to executive sessions.

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<u>Proposed Joint Rule</u> provides that if either the President or Speaker is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of <u>proposed Joint Rule</u> due to a technical problem or difficulty beyond his control, the failure to broadcast or record a legislative proceeding shall not be construed in any manner to be a violation of <u>proposed Joint Rule</u>.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 21)