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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY SENATOR GALLOT

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. Directs the commissioner of administration to ensure that the name and contact information of each custodian of public records of an agency be included on the website of the agency.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the commissioner of administration to take all necessary action to
3 ensure that each department, office, agency, board, and commission of the executive
4 branch of state government which maintains a website on the Internet include the
5 name and contact information for each custodian of public records for that entity on
6 the website.

7 WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article XII of the Constitution of Louisiana guarantees that
8 no person shall be denied the right to examine public documents, except in cases established
9 by law; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the essence of the Public Records Law that all public records in the
11 custody of a public entity can be viewed and copied by any citizen; and

12 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law declares that providing access to public records
13 is a responsibility and duty of the appointive or elective office of a custodian and his
14 employees; and

15 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law defines "custodian" as "the public official or
16 head of any public body having custody or control of a public record, or a representative
17 specifically authorized by him to respond to requests to inspect any such public records";
18 and

1 WHEREAS, while the Public Records Law requires that a custodian present any
2 public record to any person of the age of majority who so requests, it is often not apparent
3 who is the "custodian" to whom to make the request; and

4 WHEREAS, nearly all agencies of the executive branch of state government maintain
5 a website on the Internet.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby authorize and direct the commissioner of administration to take all necessary
8 action to ensure that each department, office, agency, board, and commission of the
9 executive branch of state government which maintains a website on the Internet include the
10 name and contact information for each custodian of public records for that entity on the
11 website.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 commissioner of administration.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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