

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 443

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

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

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE: Provides relative to agency submission of reports to the legislature, including the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:772(A) and (B), relative to reports of agencies submitted to
3 the legislature; to provide for electronic submission of such reports; to provide for
4 duties of the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library relative to such reports;
5 to change the number of paper copies required to be submitted to the legislature and
6 the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 24:772(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §772. Distribution of reports

12 A. To comply with any provision of law and any resolution requiring or
13 requesting the submission of reports to the legislature, ~~it shall be sufficient to provide~~
14 ~~one printed copy of the report to the presiding officer of each house of the~~
15 ~~legislature. In addition,~~ the agency shall send an e-mail notification which contains
16 an electronic copy of the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library
17 in such an electronic format as may be determined by the Legislative Budgetary
18 Control Council. The David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library shall distribute
19 a list of such reports to the ~~members~~ presiding officer of each house of the legislature
20 and each member of the legislature via e-mail and, upon the request of a member, via

1 paper copy. Additionally, each agency shall ~~distribute a e-mail a list of~~ or a link to
 2 its reports and publications to each member of the legislature ~~by mail~~ each year.

3 B. In addition to the distributions required in Subsection A of this Section,
 4 ~~five printed copies~~ one printed copy of each report shall be filed with the David R.
 5 Poynter Legislative Research Library. The David R. Poynter Legislative Research
 6 Library shall be a depository for all reports and shall receive such materials without
 7 cost within five days of publication.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for electronic copies of agency reports to be submitted to the legislature and requires only one printed copy of each agency report to be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

Present law requires an agency to submit a minimum of one printed copy of any agency report issued pursuant to a provision of law or a resolution to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. Proposed law removes this requirement.

Present law further requires the agency to send an electronic copy of the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the Poynter Library to distribute a list of received reports to the members of the legislature via e-mail and, upon the request of a member, via paper copy. Proposed law retains this requirement but adds the presiding officer of each house of the legislature as recipients of the e-mail.

Present law requires each agency to distribute a list of its reports and publications to each member of the legislature by mail each year. Proposed law requires the agency to e-mail a list of its reports or a link to its reports to each member of the legislature each year.

Present law provides that in addition to the aforementioned requirements, each agency is required to submit five paper copies of each report to the Poynter Library. Proposed law changes this requirement from five copies to one copy.

(Amends R.S. 24:772(A) and (B))