

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 585

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERRY

TRANSPORTATION: To make changes to "Road Show" hearings process

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A) and (B)(1), relative to the highway priority
3 construction program; to provide for scheduling of public hearings; to provide for
4 notice requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint
9 Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by legislature;
10 restrictions on legislature

11 A. ~~Prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature, Between~~
12 October first and November thirtieth of each year, the department shall hold public
13 hearings in each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the
14 coming fiscal year. A report based on the testimony received at said hearings shall
15 be sent to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee. The department then
16 shall create the final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission
17 to the legislature. When this final construction program is communicated to the
18 legislature for funding for the coming fiscal year, any project which the legislature
19 determines is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with the factors stated
20 in R.S. 48:229 may be deleted by the legislature. ~~However ; however,~~ the legislature

1 shall not add any projects to this final construction program, nor shall the legislature
2 make substitutions for projects which have been removed.

3 B.(1) The Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee shall be
4 comprised of the entire membership of the House and Senate transportation,
5 highways and public works committees and shall include legislators representing the
6 parishes within the respective highway district for the purposes of attending the
7 public hearings in each district as required in Subsection A of this Section. The
8 department shall provide notice to each member of the Joint Highway Priority
9 Construction Committee and legislators representing the parishes within the
10 respective highway district, thirty days prior to each public hearing in each highway
11 district as required in Subsection A of this Section. Beginning in 2004, the chairman
12 of the House ~~transportation, highways and public works committee~~ Transportation,
13 Highways and Public Works Committee shall serve as chairman of the Joint
14 Highway Priority Construction Committee. Thereafter, chairmanship of the Joint
15 Highway Priority Construction Committee shall rotate between the chairman of the
16 House and Senate transportation, highways and public works committees on a two-
17 year basis.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires DOTD to schedule public hearings between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30 of each year for review of priorities on construction projects. Further provides for DOTD to provide notice to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee and respective legislators, 30 days prior to each public hearing in each required highway district.

Present law provides that prior to the convening of each regular session, the department shall hold public hearings each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

Proposed law requires that the department hold public hearings between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30 of each year for the purpose of reviewing priorities for th upcoming fiscal year.

Proposed law requires the department to provide notice to each member of the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee and each legislator representing the parishes within the respective highway district, 30 days prior to each public hearing in each required highway district.

(Amends R.S. 48:231(A) and (B)(1))