

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Requests that legislation allowing school boards and local governing authorities be authorized to go into executive session when discussing economic development projects be included in the call for any special legislative session in 2017.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request that legislation allowing school boards and local governing authorities
3 be authorized to go into executive session when discussing economic development
4 projects be included in the call for any special legislative session in 2017.

5 WHEREAS, current law provides that a public body may hold executive sessions
6 upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting for which notice has been given pursuant
7 to R.S. 42:19, of two-thirds of its constituent members present; and

8 WHEREAS, an executive session shall be limited to matters allowed to be exempted
9 from discussion at open meetings by R.S. 42:17; however, no final or binding action shall
10 be taken during an executive session; and

11 WHEREAS, the vote of each member on the question of holding such an executive
12 session and the reason for holding such an executive session shall be recorded and entered
13 into the minutes of the meeting; and

14 WHEREAS, nothing in current law shall be construed to require that any meeting be
15 closed to the public; and

16 WHEREAS, exceptions that allow for executive sessions described in R.S. 42:17 are
17 authorized by law; and

18 WHEREAS, the undertaking of an economic development project may require school

