

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 of 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 674 OF THE 2026 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE RELATING TO STATE INVOLVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR LOCAL AND PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 (2026 Regular Session) would require that legislators whose districts lie in whole or in part within a local government's boundaries be given the opportunity to participate in local economic development negotiations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 would also require local governments to provide all records related to active economic development negotiations to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining confidentiality during sensitive economic development negotiations in order to compete effectively for business expansions, relocations, and investment opportunities, and notes that existing law (R.S. 44:22.2) already provides an appropriate and balanced confidentiality framework; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the budgeting authority that local voters have entrusted to steward parish funds to be committed to local economic development and not any other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes that local economic development negotiations are most effective when conducted by the local government officials and economic development professionals with direct responsibility for and knowledge of local priorities, and that imposing additional state-level involvement unnecessarily intrudes upon local authority and governance; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 would inhibit the Parish's ability to perform its duty to promote the general welfare of the people and requiring disclosure of confidential negotiation records to additional state entities and expanding access to negotiations beyond local officials directly responsible for such matters may jeopardize project viability, reduce competitiveness, undermine private-sector confidence in Louisiana's negotiation processes, and create delays and uncertainties detrimental to local economic development efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its opposition to House Bill 674 and urges the Louisiana Legislature to reject any legislation that diminishes local authority in economic development negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages the Legislature to preserve and respect the existing statutory framework governing confidentiality and local discretion in economic development matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent, following adoption, to the Louisiana Legislature and to the members of the legislative delegation of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

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Parish Attorney

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