

**RESOLUTION NO. 22 of 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 73 AND SENATE BILL 1 OF THE 2026 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE RELATING TO ELECTRONIC METHOD OF VOTING FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, House Bill 73 of the 2026 Regular Session amends Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:14(C) to clarify that members of a public body may vote by electronic voting machine, provided that such voting publicly displays how each individual member votes and that such votes are recorded as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 of the 2026 Regular Session further clarifies that any vote by an individual member of a public body that is displayed and recorded using electronic voting machines satisfies the *viva voce* voting requirements of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS, the use of electronic voting systems by public bodies enhances transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in the conduct of public meetings while preserving the public's right to observe how each elected official votes; and

WHEREAS, clarification of the legality of electronic voting protects public bodies from unnecessary litigation and promotes consistent compliance with the Open Meetings Law across the State of Louisiana; and

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 support for House Bill 73 and Senate Bill 1 of the 2026 Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature relating to electronic voting by public bodies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission urges the Louisiana Legislature to enact House Bill 73 and Senate Bill 1 to provide clarity and uniformity in the application of the *viva voce* voting requirements of the Open Meetings Law; and

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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Date