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LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL TO GO "HOT" MONDAY

FREE WI-FI TO BETTER CONNECT CITIZENS WITH WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

The Louisiana State Capitol will officially become a "hot spot" Monday, March 25th when the State Legislature begins operation of a free wireless Internet service. The new service is an effort to better connect citizens with what is happening at their State Capitol.

"In this day and age when just about everyone walks around with a wireless device, the free Wi-Fi service should make it much easier for interested citizens to stay in touch with the work of the State Legislature," Senate President John A. Alario, Jr. said. "It is important that we do what we can to encourage citizen involvement in our process."

House Speaker Chuck Kleckley said, "We have had a long-standing commitment in the Louisiana Legislature to use all available tools to enhance the public's ability to have a say in the legislative process and important policy discussions that impact their lives. This is the latest step in that effort."

No password will be required for public access to the network which will be called PublicWLAN. All citizens will have to do is use their tablets or smartphones to search for available wireless networks and choose PublicWLAN.

The Louisiana State Legislature already streams legislative proceedings live on the Internet and archives the broadcast for citizens to view at their convenience. Additionally, the joint legislative website, www.legis.la.gov, includes a new feature that allows citizens to track legislation of interest as issues move through the process.

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