

**Act No. 129 (S.114). General provisions**

**An act relating to the Open Meeting Law**

This act amends several provisions in the Vermont Open Meeting Law. This act provides that:

- when one or more members of a public body are participating in a meeting electronically and a vote is taken, only votes that are not unanimous are required to be taken by roll call
- if a quorum or more of the members of a public body will attend a meeting without being physically present, the meeting agenda shall designate a physical location where the public may attend and participate in the meeting
- if a public body is required to post meeting minutes on a website that the public body maintains or has designated, the minutes must remain on the website for at least one year from the date of the meeting, unless they are draft minutes that have been substituted with updated minutes
- the time period for a public body to respond to a notice of alleged violation, and the time period for a failure to respond to such a notice to be deemed a denial, is 10 calendar days

This act also enumerates specific Open Meeting Law violations that trigger the obligation of a public body that has acknowledged a violation to cure the violation by either ratifying, or declaring as void, any action taken at or resulting from the meeting. Finally, the act provides that a person shall not be subject to criminal liability for a knowing and intentional violation of the Open Meeting Law's agenda posting requirement in connection with any meeting prior to July 1, 2015.

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