DR 18-15; Secretary of State's Office Proposed Alternative Serial Meeting Language

Sec. ##. 1 V.S.A. § 312 is amended to read:

§ 312. RIGHT TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF PUBLIC AGENCIES

(a)(1)(A) All meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title. ~~No~~ Except as provided under subdivision 313(a)(2) of this title, a resolution, rule, regulation, appointment, or formal action shall not be considered binding ~~except as~~ unless taken or made at such open meeting~~, except as provided under subdivision 313(a)(2) of this title~~.

(B) A quorum of the members of a public body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, with the intent of discussing or taking action on any business of the public body.

(C) A meeting of a public body is subject to the public accommodation requirements of 9 V.S.A. chapter 139.

(D) A public body shall electronically record all public hearings held to provide a forum for public comment on a proposed rule, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 840. The public shall have access to copies of such electronic recordings as described in section 316 of this title.

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