

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 700 entitled “An act relating to the Open Meeting Law and meeting
4 minutes” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2) is amended to read:

8 (2) Minutes of all public meetings shall be matters of public record,
9 shall be kept by the clerk or secretary of the public body, and shall be available
10 for inspection by any person and for purchase of copies at cost upon request
11 after five calendar days, excluding any day classified as a holiday under
12 section 371 of this title, from the date of any meeting. Meeting minutes shall
13 be posted ~~no~~ not later than five calendar days, excluding any day classified as a
14 holiday under section 371 of this title, from the date of the meeting to a
15 website, if one exists, that the public body maintains or has designated as the
16 official website of the body. Except for draft minutes that have been
17 substituted with updated minutes, posted minutes shall not be removed from
18 the website sooner than one year from the date of the meeting for which the
19 minutes were taken.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.

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2 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE