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Introduced by Representatives Briglin of Thetford and Masland of Thetford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Government operations; Open Meeting Law

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enlarge from five calendar days to five business days the period after which a public body must make minutes of a public meeting available for inspection and purchase, and after which the minutes must be posted to a website, if one exists, that the public body maintains or has designated.

An act relating to the Open Meeting Law and meeting minutes

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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

(2) Minutes of all public meetings shall be matters of public record, shall be kept by the clerk or secretary of the public body, and shall be available for inspection by any person and for purchase of copies at cost upon request after five ~~calendar~~ business days from the date of any meeting. Meeting minutes shall be posted ~~no~~ not later than five ~~calendar~~ business days from the date of the meeting to a website, if one exists, that the public body maintains or has designated as the official website of the body. Except for draft minutes

1 that have been substituted with updated minutes, posted minutes shall not be
2 removed from the website sooner than one year from the date of the meeting
3 for which the minutes were taken.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.