

1 S.345

2 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

3 Date:

4 Subject: General provisions; public information; open meeting law; temporary  
5 provisions

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to temporarily  
7 authorize municipal public bodies to electronically post meeting notices and  
8 agendas in lieu of two designated public locations within the municipality.

9 An act relating to temporary municipal meeting provisions in response to  
10 the COVID-19 outbreak

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

12 Sec. 1. OPEN MEETING LAW; TEMPORARY AUTHORITY;

13 ELECTRONIC POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES AND

14 AGENDAS

15 Notwithstanding subdivisions (c)(2) and (d)(1)(B) of 1 V.S.A. § 312, during  
16 a declared state of emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a  
17 municipal public body may post any meeting agenda or notice of a special  
18 meeting in two designated electronic locations in lieu of the two designated  
19 public places in the municipality, or in a combination of a designated  
20 electronic location and a designated public place. A municipal public body

1 shall post the notice or agenda in or near the municipal clerk's office and shall  
2 provide a copy of each notice or agenda to the newspapers of general  
3 circulation for the municipality.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.