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S.345

Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

Date: April 27, 2020

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

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

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

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

Sec. 1. OPEN MEETING LAW; TEMPORARY AUTHORITY;
ELECTRONIC POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES AND
AGENDAS

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

- 1 provide a copy of each notice or agenda to the newspapers of general
- 2 circulation for the municipality.
- 3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 4 This act shall take effect on passage.