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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 provide a copy of each notice or agenda to the newspapers of general circulation for the municipality.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.