

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

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

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

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

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

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

12 ELECTRONIC POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES AND

13 AGENDAS

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