

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

3 Subject: General provisions; public information; open meeting law; posting of
4 agendas; temporary provision

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

8 An act relating to temporary suspension of physical posting requirements in
9 response to 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. A municipal public body shall post the
19 notice or agenda in or near the municipal clerk's office and shall provide a

1 copy of each notice or agenda to the newspapers of general circulation for the
2 municipality.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.