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**Act No. 78 (S.222). General provisions; public information; Open Meeting Law; temporary provisions**

**An act relating to authorizing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19**

This act provides temporary authority for public agencies to hold meetings through electronic means without designating or staffing a physical meeting location. A public agency that uses this temporary authority must use technology that allows the public to directly access the meeting by electronic means and by telephone. A municipal legislative body or school board that uses the temporary authority provided by this act must record its meetings held by electronic means.

This act also permits a public body to extend the deadline for the posting of minutes, provided that the public agency has a staffing shortage due to COVID-19. Finally, this act permits a public agency to post meeting notices and agendas in electronic locations.

Effective Date: January 18, 2022