

1 S.274

2 Introduced by Senator Parent

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal and county government; incorporated villages;  
6 coordination with town government

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize joint  
8 meetings of town and village legislative bodies for the purpose of coordinating  
9 duties and actions of town and village government.

10 An act relating to joint meetings of town and village legislative bodies

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

12 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 1322 is added to read:

13 § 1322. COORDINATION WITH TOWN LEGISLATIVE BODY; JOINT

14 MEETINGS

15 (a) The trustees of a village are authorized to hold joint meetings with the  
16 legislative body of the town where the village is located. Meetings shall be  
17 held at the location designated for meetings of the town legislative body.

18 (b) At the meeting, the village trustees and town legislative body may  
19 conduct any business that falls under the coextensive authority of the trustees  
20 and the legislative body. The village trustees and town legislative body may

1 coordinate to adopt policies, resolutions, rules, or proposed ordinances that are  
2 within the exclusive jurisdiction of either legislative body, provided that the  
3 legislative bodies vote separately to adopt policies, rules, or ordinances that are  
4 binding within their exclusive jurisdictions.

5 (c) Joint meetings may be warned and noticed under a single heading. The  
6 town shall be responsible for preparing and publishing the warnings and notice  
7 for any joint meeting. The town and village shall post and publish the  
8 warnings or notices as required by applicable law.

9 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of 1 V.S.A. § 312 to the contrary, the  
10 village trustees and town legislative body may publish a unified agenda for a  
11 joint meeting, provided that the town and village shall comply with all other  
12 requirements of the Open Meeting Law that apply to the meetings of either  
13 body.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.