

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offered By**

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 657, Page 1, Section 29.375, Line 15 by  
2 inserting after said line the following:

3 “610.020. 1. All public governmental bodies shall give notice of the time, date, and place  
4 of each meeting, and its tentative agenda, in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the public  
5 of the matters to be considered, and if the meeting will be conducted by telephone or other  
6 electronic means, the notice of the meeting shall identify the mode by which the meeting will be  
7 conducted and the designated location where the public may observe and attend the meeting. If a  
8 public body plans to meet by Internet chat, Internet message board, or other computer link, it shall  
9 post a notice of the meeting on its website in addition to its principal office and shall notify the  
10 public how to access that meeting. Reasonable notice shall include making available copies of the  
11 notice to any representative of the news media who requests notice of meetings of a particular  
12 public governmental body concurrent with the notice being made available to the members of the  
13 particular governmental body and posting the notice on a bulletin board or other prominent place  
14 which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal  
15 office of the body holding the meeting, or if no such office exists, at the building in which the  
16 meeting is to be held.

17 2. Notice conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1 of this section shall be  
18 given at least [twenty-four] seventy-two hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays when the  
19 facility is closed, prior to the commencement of any meeting of a governmental body unless for  
20 good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case as much notice as is reasonably  
21 possible shall be given. Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public  
22 and of sufficient size to accommodate the anticipated attendance by members of the public, and at  
23 a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is  
24 impossible or impractical. Every reasonable effort shall be made to grant special access to the  
25 meeting to handicapped or disabled individuals.

26 3. A public body shall allow for the recording by audiotape, videotape, or other electronic  
27 means of any open meeting. A public body may establish guidelines regarding the manner in  
28 which such recording is conducted so as to minimize disruption to the meeting. No audio  
29 recording of any meeting, record, or vote closed pursuant to the provisions of section 610.021

1 shall be permitted without permission of the public body; any person who violates this provision  
2 shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

3 4. When it is necessary to hold a meeting on less than [twenty-four] seventy-two hours'  
4 notice, or at a place that is not reasonably accessible to the public, or at a time that is not  
5 reasonably convenient to the public, the nature of the good cause justifying that departure from the  
6 normal requirements shall be stated in the minutes.

7 5. A formally constituted subunit of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting  
8 without notice as required by this section during a lawful meeting of the parent governmental  
9 body, a recess in that meeting, or immediately following that meeting, if the meeting of the  
10 subunit is publicly announced at the parent meeting and the subject of the meeting reasonably  
11 coincides with the subjects discussed or acted upon by the parent governmental body.

12 6. If another provision of law requires a manner of giving specific notice of a meeting,  
13 hearing or an intent to take action by a governmental body, compliance with that section shall  
14 constitute compliance with the notice requirements of this section.

15 7. A journal or minutes of open and closed meetings shall be taken and retained by the  
16 public governmental body, including, but not limited to, a record of any votes taken at such  
17 meeting. The minutes shall include the date, time, place, members present, members absent and a  
18 record of any votes taken. When a roll call vote is taken, the minutes shall attribute each "yea"  
19 and "nay" vote or abstinence if not voting to the name of the individual member of the public  
20 governmental body.”; and

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22 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
23 accordingly.  
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