

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 60—ASSEMBLYMAN BEERS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires public body to post notice of its meetings on its Internet website, if any. (BDR 18-674)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~(omitted material)~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to meetings of public bodies; requiring a public body to post a notice of its meetings on its website on the Internet if the public body maintains such a website; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 241.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 241.020 1. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, all
3 meetings of public bodies must be open and public, and all persons must be
4 permitted to attend any meeting of these bodies. Public officers and
5 employees responsible for these meetings shall make reasonable efforts to
6 assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend.
7 2. Except in an emergency, written notice of all meetings must be
8 given at least 3 working days before the meeting. The notice must include:
9 (a) The time, place and location of the meeting.
10 (b) A list of the locations where the notice has been posted.
11 (c) An agenda consisting of:
12 (1) A clear and complete statement of the topics scheduled to be
13 considered during the meeting.
14 (2) A list describing the items on which action may be taken and
15 clearly denoting that action may be taken on those items.
16 (3) A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and
17 discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter
18 raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been
19 specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be
20 taken pursuant to subparagraph (2).
21 3. Minimum public notice is:

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(a) Posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the public body, or if there is no principal office, at the building in which the meeting is to be held, and at not less than three other separate, prominent places within the jurisdiction of the public body not later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before the meeting; ~~and~~

(b) *If the public body maintains a website on the Internet or its successor, posting the notice on the website not later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before the meeting; and*

(c) Mailing a copy of the notice to any person who has requested notice of the meetings of the body in the same manner in which notice is required to be mailed to a member of the body. A request for notice lapses 6 months after it is made. The public body shall inform the requester of this fact by enclosure with or notation upon the first notice sent. The notice must be delivered to the postal service used by the body not later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before the meeting.

4. Upon any request, a public body shall provide, at no charge, at least one copy of:

(a) An agenda for a public meeting;

(b) A proposed ordinance or regulation which will be discussed at the public meeting; and

(c) Any other supporting material provided to the members of the body for an item on the agenda, except materials:

(1) Submitted to the public body pursuant to a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement;

(2) Pertaining to the closed portion of such a meeting of the public body; or

(3) Declared confidential by law.

5. As used in this section, "emergency" means an unforeseen circumstance which requires immediate action and includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Disasters caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural causes; or

(b) Any impairment of the health and safety of the public.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.