

House File 2364 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE AND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF MEETINGS OF  
GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 21.4, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2016, are amended to read as follows:

1. a. Except as provided in [subsection 3](#), a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information. Reasonable notice shall include advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body and posting the notice on a bulletin board or other prominent place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the body holding the meeting, or if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held.

b. Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable. Special access to the meeting may be granted to persons with disabilities.

2. a. ~~Notice~~ Except as otherwise provided in paragraph "c", notice conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1 of ~~this section~~ shall be given at least twenty-four hours

prior to the commencement of any meeting of a governmental body unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case as much notice as is reasonably possible shall be given. ~~Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public, and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impractical. Special access to the meeting may be granted to persons with disabilities.~~

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

*c.* If a governmental body is prevented from convening an otherwise properly noticed meeting under the requirements of subsection 1, the governmental body may convene the meeting if the governmental body posts an amended notice of the meeting conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1.

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LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

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PAM JOCHUM  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2364, Eighty-sixth General Assembly.

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CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor