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SENATE FILE 46

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the conduct of meetings of a compensation  
 2 commission under the eminent domain law.  
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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 STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 6B.4, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A compensation commission  
4 appointed pursuant to this section is a governmental body as  
5 defined in section 21.2 and its meetings shall be conducted in  
6 compliance with chapter 21. Notice published by the sheriff  
7 pursuant to section 6B.11 shall constitute public notice of  
8 the meeting pursuant to section 21.4.

9 Sec. 2. Section 6B.11, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 6B.11 FILING OF NOTICES AND RETURN OF SERVICE.

12 Notices, immediately after the service thereof, shall, with  
13 proper return of service endorsed thereon or attached thereto,  
14 be filed with the sheriff. The sheriff shall at once cause  
15 the commissioners to be notified of the day and hour when they  
16 will be required to proceed with the appraisal. The notice  
17 to the commissioners shall also be published by the sheriff  
18 pursuant to section 331.305.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that a compensation commission  
21 established to determine damages in an eminent domain  
22 proceeding is a governmental body and subject to the public  
23 open meeting laws pursuant to Code chapter 21. The bill also  
24 provides that the notice of the date and time of an appraisal  
25 or assessment given by the sheriff to the compensation  
26 commissioners shall be published by the sheriff to serve  
27 public notice of the meeting of the commission.

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