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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act applying Iowa's open meetings law to newly elected members  
2 of a governmental body not yet sworn in.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 21.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 Meetings of governmental bodies shall be preceded by public  
4 notice as provided in section 21.4 and shall be held in open  
5 session unless closed sessions are expressly permitted by law.  
6 Except as provided in section 21.5, all actions and  
7 discussions by members, including newly elected members not  
8 yet sworn in, at meetings of governmental bodies, whether  
9 formal or informal, shall be conducted and executed in open  
10 session.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill applies Iowa's open meetings law, Code chapter  
13 21, to all actions and discussions of newly elected members of  
14 governmental bodies not yet sworn in at meetings of such  
15 governmental bodies.

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