

House Study Bill 504 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition of meeting under the open
2 meetings law.

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

1 Section 1. Section 21.2, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. *“Meeting”* means a gathering in person or by electronic
4 means, formal or informal, of a majority of the members of
5 a governmental body where there is deliberation or action
6 upon any matter within the scope of the governmental body’s
7 policy-making or budgetary duties. Meetings shall not include
8 a gathering of members of a governmental body for purely
9 ministerial or social purposes when there is no discussion of
10 policy or budgetary duties or no intent to avoid the purposes
11 of [this chapter](#).

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill relates to the definition of meeting under the open
16 meetings law (Code chapter 21).

17 The bill amends the definition of a meeting that is subject
18 to the requirements of the open meetings law by expanding the
19 definition to include any deliberations or actions (including
20 recommendations) taken by a governmental body as defined in
21 the open meetings law, that are within a governmental body’s
22 budgetary duties.