

House File 2490 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 578)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public notice requirements for meetings of a
2 governmental body.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 21.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body
4 shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting,
5 including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and
6 the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably
7 calculated to apprise the public of that information.

8 Reasonable

9 (1) Giving notice under this paragraph shall include
10 advising all of the following:

11 (a) Advising the news media who have filed a request for
12 notice with the governmental body and posting.

13 (b) Posting the notice on a bulletin board or other in a
14 prominent and conspicuous place which is easily accessible
15 to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the
16 principal office of the body holding the meeting, or if no such
17 office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be
18 held annually designated for such purposes by the governmental
19 body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.

20 (c) Posting the notice on any internet site owned or
21 maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or
22 other internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if
23 applicable.

24 (2) If a tentative agenda has been posted and is amended
25 within the time frame established in subsection 2, paragraph
26 "a", the governmental body shall mark the agenda "AMENDED"
27 and identify the amended provisions. Upon amendment, the
28 governmental body shall give notice in accordance with
29 subparagraph (1).

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EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to public notice requirements for meetings
34 of a governmental body. The bill requires the act of giving
35 notice of a meeting of a governmental body to include (1)

1 advising the news media who have filed a request for notice
2 with the governmental body as provided under current law, (2)
3 posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place that
4 is designated annually by the governmental body, in a manner
5 such that the notice is visible at all times, and (3) posting
6 the notice on any associated internet site as specified in the
7 bill. If a tentative agenda has been posted and is amended,
8 the amended agenda shall be marked "AMENDED", the amended
9 provisions identified, and a new notice provided.

10 By operation of law, notice for electronic meetings
11 of governmental bodies as provided in Code section 21.8
12 (electronic meetings) shall comply with the notice requirements
13 in Code section 21.4 (public notice). In addition, the bill
14 applies to notices for public appointment and employment under
15 Code section 35C.1 (veterans preference — appointments and
16 employment — applications) and notices for whole grade sharing
17 agreements under Code section 282.11 (procedure for whole grade
18 sharing agreements).