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### Overview

This bill requires a state agency to provide notice and hold a public meeting with the opportunity for public comment before acquiring real property in fee. “Agency” means “any state officer, employee, board, commission, authority, department, or other agency of the executive branch of state government. ... [but] does not include the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.” Minn. Stat. § 16B.01, subd. 2.

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- 1 State agency real property acquisition.** Provides a cross reference in the open meeting law to the meeting requirement in section 3.
- 2 Agency open houses (open meeting law).** Provides that when an agency is required to hold a meeting with the opportunity to comment, an open house is not a “meeting.”
- 3 Acquisition of real property; open meeting.** Requires an agency to provide notice and hold at least one meeting with the opportunity for public comment before acquiring real property in fee. The notice requirement is the Open Meeting Law special meetings notice, which provides:

“(a) For a special meeting, except an emergency meeting or a special meeting for which a notice requirement is otherwise expressly established by statute, the public body shall post written notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting on the principal bulletin board of the public body, or if the public body has no principal bulletin board, on the door of its usual meeting room.

(b) The notice shall also be mailed or otherwise delivered to each person who has filed a written request for notice of special meetings with the public body. This notice

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shall be posted and mailed or delivered at least three days before the date of the meeting.

(c) As an alternative to mailing or otherwise delivering notice to persons who have filed a written request for notice of special meetings, the public body may publish the notice once, at least three days before the meeting, in the official newspaper of the public body or, if there is none, in a qualified newspaper of general circulation within the area of the public body's authority.

(d) A person filing a request for notice of special meetings may limit the request to notification of meetings concerning particular subjects, in which case the public body is required to send notice to that person only concerning special meetings involving those subjects.

(e) A public body may establish an expiration date for requests for notices of special meetings pursuant to this subdivision and require refiling of the request once each year.

(f) Not more than 60 days before the expiration date of a request for notice, the public body shall send notice of the refiling requirement to each person who filed during the preceding year.”

Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 2