

Subject Meeting broadcasting through social media authorized

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Summary

This bill authorizes a public body to live broadcast a meeting subject to the Open Meeting Law (chapter 13D) using social media.

A public body is not required to offer a comment feature during the broadcast. If it does, the comments are not considered government records under state law unless the public notice for the meeting provides that the comments are a part of the meeting record. If comments in a social media comment feature are accepted as public testimony, the public body must establish rules of order for the comments and their discussion by the public body.

Additional information must be included in the notice for the broadcasted meeting, including how to access the social media broadcast, the process for submitting public comments, and how comments in the comments feature will be treated, if such a feature is offered.

A public body is not authorized to conduct a remote meeting in accordance with the statutes authorizing remote meetings through interactive technology if the social media technology does not meet the interactive technology requirements.

Effective the day following final enactment.