

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2632

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Technology & Communications, February 26, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to allowing special meetings to be called through electronic mail notice.

**Brief Description:** Allowing fax and electronic mail notice of special meetings.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Clibborn, Nixon, Wallace, Edwards, Hunter, Lovick, Moeller, Upthegrove, Kagi and Hudgins.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Technology & Communications: 2/19/04, 2/26/04 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Schmidt, Chair; Esser, Vice Chair; Berkey, Eide, McCaslin, Poulsen and Stevens.

**Staff:** William Bridges (786-7424)

**Background:** The Open Public Meetings Act requires the governing bodies of public agencies to publish the time and place of their regular meetings. For special meetings, which are meetings other than a regularly scheduled meeting, governing bodies must mail or personally deliver 24-hour written notice to their members and the media. The notice may be waived in writing or by telegram.

**Summary of Bill:** The 24-hour notice requirement for special meetings in the Open Public Meetings Act is updated to allow notice by fax and electronic mail. In addition, the notice requirement is updated to allow waivers by fax or electronic mail.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill was brought to the prime sponsor's attention by local governments. The bill updates the notification process for special meetings.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Rep. Clibborn, prime sponsor.