
SENATE BILL 5553

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By Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to posting information on public agencies' web
2 sites; adding a new section to chapter 42.30 RCW; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.30 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The agenda of all regular meetings of the governing body of
8 every public agency, special purpose district, and any municipality
9 that owns or maintains a web site shall be posted within seventy-two
10 hours before a meeting. The agenda of all special or emergency
11 meetings shall be posted within twenty-four hours before a meeting.
12 The posting shall indicate if the agendas are in draft form.

13 (2) The text of any ordinance, rule, or regulation that is under
14 consideration at the meeting shall be included on the web site at the
15 same time the agenda is posted.

16 (3) The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the
17 governing body of every public agency, special purpose district, and
18 any municipality that owns or maintains a web site shall be posted

1 within fifteen business days after a meeting. The posting shall
2 indicate if the minutes are in draft form or adopted. All postings
3 under this section shall remain on the web site for one calendar year.

4 (4) Every public agency, special purpose district, and any
5 municipality that owns or maintains a public internet web site shall at
6 all times have posted to it a roster of the names of all members of its
7 governing body, identifying the positions, and constituency where
8 applicable, of all members. The web site shall at all times provide
9 both the start date and end date of the elective or appointed terms of
10 all members.

11 (5) Subsections (1) through (3) of this section do not apply to the
12 following public agencies, municipalities, or their respective
13 subagencies: (a) Counties with a population of less than twenty
14 thousand; (b) cities or towns with a population of less than eight
15 thousand; or (c) school districts or special purpose districts
16 providing services to a population of less than one thousand.

17 (6) This section shall not be construed to affect existing public
18 agency notice requirements in RCW 42.30.060 or 42.30.075.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
22 July 1, 2011.

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