



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5169

LCO No. 4362

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF REGULAR MEETING
AGENDAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (c) The agenda of the regular meetings of every public agency,
5 except for the General Assembly, shall be available to the public and
6 shall be filed, not less than twenty-four hours before the meetings to
7 which they refer, [in such agency's regular office or place of business
8 or, if there is no such office or place of business,] (1) in the office of the
9 Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the state, in the
10 office of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a
11 political subdivision of the state or in the office of the clerk of each
12 municipal member of any multitown district or agency, as the case
13 may be, and (2) in the agency's regular office or place of business, if
14 any. Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of a
15 public agency present and voting, any subsequent business not

16 included in such filed agendas may be considered and acted upon at
17 such meetings.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2003 |

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the Freedom of Information Act to require that a public agency other than the General Assembly shall post the agenda of its regular meetings at both the agency's regular place of business, if any, and (1) if a state agency, at the Office of the Secretary of the State, (2) if a municipal agency, in the office of the municipal clerk, or (3) if a multitown district or agency in the office of the clerk of each member municipality.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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