



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

**Raised Bill No. 467**

LCO No. 2994



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT EXTENDING PERMITTING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 149 of public act 21-2 of the June  
2 special session is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) As used in this section, "public agency", "meeting", "executive  
5 session", "electronic equipment" and "electronic transmission" have the  
6 same meanings as provided in section 1-200 of the general statutes. On  
7 and after [the effective date of this section until April 30, 2022] July 1,  
8 2021, through December 31, 2022, a public agency may hold a public  
9 meeting that is accessible to the public by means of electronic equipment  
10 or by means of electronic equipment in conjunction with an in-person  
11 meeting, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Not less than  
12 forty-eight hours before any public agency, except for the General  
13 Assembly, conducts a regular meeting by means of electronic  
14 equipment, such agency shall provide direct notification in writing or

15 by electronic transmission to each member of the public agency and post  
16 a notice that such agency intends to conduct the meeting solely or in  
17 part by means of electronic equipment (1) in the agency's regular office  
18 or place of business, (2) in the office and on the Internet web site of the  
19 Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the state or quasi-  
20 public agency, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any  
21 public agency of a political subdivision of the state that is not a quasi-  
22 public agency, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal member of  
23 any multitown district or agency, and (3) if the agency has an Internet  
24 web site, on such Internet web site. Not less than twenty-four hours  
25 prior to any such meeting, such agency shall post the agenda for any  
26 such meeting in the same manner as the notice of the meeting in  
27 accordance with subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection.  
28 Such notice and agenda shall include instructions for the public, to  
29 attend and provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, by  
30 means of electronic equipment or in person, as applicable and permitted  
31 by law. Any such notice and agenda shall be posted in accordance with  
32 the provisions of section 1-225 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 21-2 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 149(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To extend permitting remote public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act through December 31, 2022.

*[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.]*