



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 467

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT PERMITTING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

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2 special session is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof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, a public agency may hold a public meeting that is accessible to the
9 public by means of electronic equipment or by means of electronic
10 equipment in conjunction with an in-person meeting, in accordance
11 with the provisions of this section. Not less than forty-eight hours before
12 any public agency, except for the General Assembly, conducts a regular
13 meeting by means of electronic equipment, such agency shall provide
14 direct notification in writing or by electronic transmission to each
15 member of the public agency and post a notice that such agency intends
16 to conduct the meeting solely or in part by means of electronic
17 equipment (1) in the agency's regular office or place of business, (2) in
18 the office and on the Internet web site of the Secretary of the State for

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

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*