

1 **ELECTRONIC POSTING OF NOTICES**

2 1998 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow**

5 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF
6 MEETINGS.

7 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

8 AMENDS:

9 **52-4-6**, as last amended by Chapter 17, Laws of Utah 1978

10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

11 Section 1. Section **52-4-6** is amended to read:

12 **52-4-6. Public notice of meetings.**

13 (1) Any public body which holds regular meetings that are scheduled in advance over the
14 course of a year shall give public notice at least once each year of its annual meeting schedule as
15 provided in this section. The public notice shall specify the date, time, and place of such meetings.

16 (2) In addition to the notice requirements of Subsection (1) of this section, each public
17 body shall give not less than 24 hours' public notice of the agenda, date, time and place of each of
18 its meetings.

19 (3) Public notice shall be satisfied by:

20 (a) posting written notice at the principal office of the public body, or if no such office
21 exists, at the building where the meeting is to be held; and

22 (b) providing notice to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographic
23 jurisdiction of the public body, or to a local media correspondent.

24 (4) Public bodies are encouraged to develop and use electronic means to post notice in
25 addition to those means listed in Subsection (3).

26 (5) When because of unforeseen circumstances it is necessary for a public body to hold
27 an emergency meeting to consider matters of an emergency or urgent nature, the notice

- 1 requirements of Subsection [~~52-4-6~~](2) may be disregarded and the best notice practicable given.
- 2 No such emergency meeting of a public body shall be held unless an attempt has been made to
- 3 notify all of its members and a majority votes in the affirmative to hold the meeting.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Committee Note

The Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee recommended this bill.