
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5553

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By Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections
(originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 01/25/12.

1 AN ACT Relating to posting information on public agencies' web
2 sites; and adding a new chapter to Title 42 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The agenda of all regular meetings of
5 the governing body of every public agency, special purpose district,
6 and any municipality that owns and maintains a web site shall be posted
7 seventy-two hours before a meeting. The agenda of all special meetings
8 shall be posted twenty-four hours before a meeting. The posting shall
9 indicate if the agendas are in draft form.

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

13 (3) The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the
14 governing body of every public agency, special purpose district, and
15 any municipality that owns and maintains a web site shall be posted
16 within fifteen business days after approval. All postings under this
17 section shall remain on the web site for one calendar year.

18 (4) Every public agency, special purpose district, and any
19 municipality that owns and maintains a public internet web site shall

1 at all times have posted to it a roster of the names of all members of
2 its governing body, identifying the positions, and constituency where
3 applicable, of all members. The web site shall at all times provide
4 both the start date and end date of the elective or appointed terms of
5 all members.

6 (5) Subsections (1) through (3) of this section do not apply to the
7 following public agencies, municipalities, or their respective
8 subagencies: (a) Counties with a population of less than thirty
9 thousand and the special purpose districts and school districts within
10 those counties; (b) special purpose districts providing service to a
11 population of less than one thousand; (c) cities or towns with a
12 population of less than eight thousand; or (d) port districts with
13 three or fewer staff.

14 (6) Any action relating to the purchase of municipal bonds is
15 exempt from this section.

16 (7) The attorney general shall develop model rules regarding the
17 materials that public agencies should post to the web sites.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act shall be known as the light of day
19 act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
21 new chapter in Title 42 RCW.

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