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To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

## SENATE BILL NO. 2571

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE OFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC BODIES, WITH  
3 EXCEPTIONS, TO BE BROADCAST VIA VIDEO LIVESTREAMING APPLICATIONS  
4 ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF EACH RESPECTIVE  
5 AGENCY, TO REQUIRE INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL PUBLIC  
6 NOTICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN BY SUCH A PUBLIC  
7 BODY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH LIVESTREAMING REQUIREMENTS IS VOID AND  
8 OF NO EFFECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10       **SECTION 1.** Section 25-41-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12       25-41-5. (1) All official meetings of any public body,  
13 unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the Constitutions  
14 of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, are  
15 declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at  
16 all times unless declared an executive session as provided in  
17 Section 25-41-7.

18       (2) A public body may conduct any meeting through  
19 teleconference or video means. A quorum of a public body as  
20 prescribed by law may be at different locations for the purpose of  
21 conducting a meeting through teleconference or video means

22 provided that the equipment used is located at the place where the  
23 public body normally meets or at a public location specified in  
24 any notice of a special meeting, and provided that the equipment  
25 allows all members of the public body and members of the public  
26 who attend the meeting to hear the deliberations of the public  
27 body.

28 (3) An agenda and materials that will be distributed to  
29 members of the public body and that have been made available to  
30 the staff of the public body in sufficient time for duplication  
31 and forwarding to the members of the public body shall be made  
32 available to the public at the time of the meeting. Votes taken  
33 during any meeting conducted through teleconference or video means  
34 shall be taken in a manner that is clearly audible or visible to  
35 all members of the public body and to members of the public  
36 present at the public location.

37 (4) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1), (2)  
38 and (3) of this section, except for executive sessions and other  
39 meetings expressly authorized by law to be closed, regular and  
40 special meetings of all public bodies shall be broadcast via video  
41 livestreaming applications on the front page of the official  
42 website of each respective public body or on a designated  
43 government channel. Public notices of such meetings shall also be  
44 broadcast online in the same manner and shall contain the agenda  
45 of matters to be discussed at the respective meeting in sufficient  
46 detail as to notify the public of what will be discussed, and the



47       online link shall be included in all public notices. Each public  
48       body shall transmit its online streaming link to the Office of  
49       Secretary of State which shall maintain a comprehensive list of  
50       website streaming links of all public bodies for public use. Any  
51       action of a public body taken at a meeting is void and of no  
52       effect if the public body fails to comply with the public notice  
53       of the agenda to be discussed or fails to comply with the  
54       livestreaming broadcasting requirement pursuant to this subsection  
55       (4). This subsection (4) shall be applicable to a political  
56       subdivision or municipal corporation of the state or any of the  
57       administrative units of a political subdivision or municipal  
58       corporation. This subsection (4) shall not apply to the  
59       Legislature or any of its component units, the judiciary or any of  
60       its component units.

61           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
62       and after July 1, 2025.

