

House Bill 1375

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 meetings to be open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording,  
3 notice of time and place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, so as to  
4 provide that the posting of a video of a public meeting on an official website shall satisfy the  
5 requirement of posting a summary of actions and a copy of minutes; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings to be  
10 open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and  
11 place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, is amended by revising  
12 paragraph (2) of subsection (e) as follows:

13 "(2)(A) A summary of the subjects acted on and those members present at a meeting  
14 of any agency shall be written and made available to the public for inspection within  
15 two business days of the adjournment of a meeting of any agency. The minutes of a  
16 meeting of any agency shall be promptly recorded and such records shall be open to  
17 public inspection once approved as official by the agency, but in no case later than  
18 immediately following the next regular meeting of the agency; provided, however,  
19 nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the earlier release of minutes, whether  
20 approved by the agency or not. Said minutes shall, as a minimum, include the names  
21 of the members present at the meeting, a description of each motion or other proposal  
22 made, and a record of all votes. In the case of a roll-call vote the name of each person  
23 voting for or against a proposal shall be recorded and in all other cases it shall be  
24 presumed that the action taken was approved by each person in attendance unless the  
25 minutes reflect the name of the persons voting against the proposal or abstaining.

26 (B) The posting of a complete, unedited video of a meeting subject to the provisions  
27 of this subsection on a website normally used by the agency and advertised to the public  
28 shall satisfy the requirements of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph if posted within the  
29 time limits provided in such subparagraph."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.