

SENATE BILL NO. 124

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LAWS;
REQUIRING THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD, THE
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO RECORD THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN AUDIO OR VIDEO FORMATS;
REQUIRING PUBLICATION OF THE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS ON THE INTERNET OR VIA
BROADCAST TELEVISION WITHIN ~~24 HOURS~~ 1 BUSINESS DAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Recording of meetings for certain boards. (1) Except as provided in
2-3-203, the following boards shall record their public meetings in a video or audio format:

- (a) the board of investments provided for in 2-15-1808;
- (b) the public employees' retirement board provided for in 2-15-1009;
- (c) the teachers' retirement board provided for in 2-15-1010;
- (d) the board of public education provided for in Article X, section 9, of the Montana constitution; and
- (e) the board of regents of higher education provided for in Article X, section 9, of the Montana constitution.

(2) All good faith efforts to record meetings in a video format must be made, but if a board is unable to record a meeting in a video format, it must record the meeting in an audio format.

(3) (a) The boards listed in subsection (1) must make the video or audio recordings of meetings under subsection (1) publicly available within ~~24 hours~~ 1 BUSINESS DAY after the meeting through broadcast on the state government broadcasting service as provided in 5-11-1111 or through publication of streaming video or audio content on the respective board's website.

(b) The department of administration may develop a memorandum of understanding with the legislative

1 services division for broadcasting executive branch content on the state government broadcasting service or
2 live-streaming audio or video executive branch content over the internet.

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4 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
5 integral part of Title 2, chapter 3, part 2, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 3, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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7 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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