

HOUSE BILL 27

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By: **Delegate Barkley**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Open Meetings Act – Minutes – Required Internet Postings**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a public body that votes on legislation to post certain
4 amendments and reprints on the Internet under certain circumstances; and
5 generally relating to the Open Meetings Act, minutes, and required Internet
6 postings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 3–306(b)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 3–306.

16 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, as soon as
17 practicable after a public body meets, it shall have minutes of its session prepared.

18 (2) A public body need not prepare minutes of an open session if:

19 (i) live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is
20 available; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) the public body votes on legislation and [the individual votes
2 taken by each member of the public body who participates in the voting are posted] **POSTS**
3 promptly on the Internet:

4 **1. THE INDIVIDUAL VOTES TAKEN BY EACH MEMBER OF**
5 **THE PUBLIC BODY WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE VOTING;**

6 **2. IF APPLICABLE, THE AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE**
7 **PUBLIC BODY; AND**

8 **3. IF APPLICABLE, A REPRINT OF THE LEGISLATION**
9 **THAT INCLUDES THE TEXT OF THE LEGISLATION AS INTRODUCED, INTERLINEATED**
10 **WITH THE TEXT OF THE AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE PUBLIC BODY.**

11 (3) The information specified under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall
12 be deemed the minutes of the open session.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2017.