

Chapter 473

(House Bill 671)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Board of County Commissioners – Meetings

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or ~~over video broadcast through a live stream~~ live video streaming; ~~prohibiting the Board from meeting through a live stream~~ live video streaming for more than a certain number of consecutive meetings except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County
 Section 30.03
 Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2005 Edition and 2021 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 12 – Garrett County

30.03.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in public session [weekly] **AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH. THE BOARD MAY HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PERSON OR ~~OVER VIDEO BROADCAST THROUGH A LIVE STREAM~~ LIVE VIDEO STREAMING. THE BOARD MAY NOT MEET SOLELY THROUGH A LIVE STREAM LIVE VIDEO STREAMING FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT A FORMAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY.** The Board will provide notice of all public meeting dates and times to include notification of any change in schedule or cancellation. The Board will schedule/announce administrative sessions to review matters that may require executive action during forthcoming public sessions or to address personnel, administrative, or other subjects. Each Commissioner will attend appointed commission, board or committee meetings as scheduled or planned.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2023.