

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1145

Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill would amend **Nebraska Revised Statute § 84-1411 of the Open Meetings Act** to require public bodies subject to the Act to provide “**reasonable advance publicized notice** of the time and place of each meeting **by a method designated by each public body and recorded in its minutes.**” Although some political subdivisions publish the notice in a newspaper, most post the notice in three public places.

The bill repeals provisions in § 84-1411 that are confusing and have proven to be problematic for political subdivisions since the passage of LB 148 in 2020. Notice provided by political subdivisions also shall be given “at least twice a year of the regular meeting schedule, location, and the method designated by the public body to provide reasonable advance publicized notice. Such notice shall be given by publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction.” This publication requirement does not apply to cities of the second class, villages, and rural or suburban protection fire districts since they typically post notice of their meetings in three public places.

The bill also outlines procedures for a public body that decides to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction to meet the notice requirement in case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish notice.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Lonowski, District 33