

AN ACT TO AMEND MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-5 TO REQUIRE PUBLIC BODIES TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-5 SHALL BE AMENDED:

(1) All official meetings of any public body, unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the Constitutions of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive session as provided in Section 25-41-7.

(2) A public body may conduct any meeting through teleconference or video means. A quorum of a public body as prescribed by law may be at different locations for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference or video means provided that the equipment used is located at the place where the public body normally meets or at a public location specified in any notice of a special meeting, and provided that the equipment allows all members of the public body and members of the public who attend the meeting to hear the deliberations of the public body.

(3) An agenda and materials that will be distributed to the members of the public body and that have been made available to the staff of the public in sufficient time for duplication and forwarding to the members of the public body shall be made available to the staff of the public body at the time of the meeting. A public body shall make available to the public for immediate inspection an up-to-date draft of that public body's proposed annual budget at least thirty (30)

days prior to adoption of any annual budget of that public body.

Votes taken during any meeting conducted through teleconference or video means shall be taken in a manner that is clearly audible or visible to all members of the public body and to members of the public present at the public location.

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