



## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

September 21, 2015 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, WIRCH, LASSA, RISSER and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives BARCA, HEBL, SINICKI, KOLSTE, DOYLE, WACHS, MASON, POPE, BOWEN, SARGENT, MILROY, OHNSTAD, RIEMER, SPREITZER, GOYKE, SHANKLAND, JOHNSON, SUBECK, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1       **To renumber** section 10 of article IV; and **to create** section 10 (2) of article IV of the  
2           constitution; **relating to:** requiring the legislature to enact laws requiring  
3           reasonable notice of and public access to meetings of governmental bodies,  
4           including legislative committees, and making members of the legislature  
5           subject to citations and civil penalties for violations of such laws (first  
6           consideration).

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2015 legislature on first consideration, requires the legislature to enact laws requiring reasonable notice of and public access to meetings of governmental bodies, including legislative committees, and makes members of the legislature subject to citations and civil penalties for violations of such laws. Currently, the constitution exempts members from civil process during the legislative session and for 15 days before and after the session.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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7       ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

