



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2009 SENATE BILL 276**

April 22, 2010 – Offered by Representative ROYS.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 66.0145 of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing towns and
2 counties to post meeting notices on their Web sites.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the open meetings law, with certain exceptions, meetings of state and local governmental bodies must be preceded by public notice, must be held in places that are reasonably accessible to the public, and must be open to the public at all times, although such meetings may convene in closed session for the purpose of considering certain matters specified by law.

A public notice of a meeting of a governmental body must contain the time, date, place, and subject matter of the meeting and must be given at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting, although shorter notice, but never less than two hours, may be given under limited circumstances. The notice must be given to news media that have filed a request to receive such a notice and the notice must appear in the governmental body's official newspaper or, if none exists, in a news medium likely to give notice in the area.

Under this substitute amendment, a governmental body of a town or county that has a Web site may post a public notice of a meeting that is subject to the open meetings law on that town's or county's Web site. The substitute amendment also allows a town that could otherwise comply with current law notice requirements by posting the notice in at least three places to meet the requirements by posting at the town hall and one other public place if the notice is also posted on the town's Web site.

