

HOUSE BILL No. 2562

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; creating the Kansas transparency act;
2 providing audio and video broadcasts of legislative meetings.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2019, audio broadcasts shall
6 be made of all legislative committee meetings that convene in the capitol
7 and that are required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317
8 et seq., and amendments thereto, including the proceedings of the house of
9 representatives and the senate. Such broadcasts shall be made available in
10 real time for public access on the internet.

11 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2020, video broadcasts shall be made of
12 all legislative committee meetings that convene in the capitol and that are
13 required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and
14 amendments thereto, including the proceedings of the house of
15 representatives and the senate. Such broadcasts shall be made available in
16 real time for public access on the internet.

17 (c) The legislative chief information technology officer shall equip all
18 committee rooms in the capitol and the legislative chambers with audio
19 and video broadcasting equipment sufficient to effectuate the provisions of
20 this section. The legislative chief information technology officer shall
21 provide for the operation and maintenance of all such broadcasting devices
22 in a manner sufficient to provide the public with access to all committee
23 meetings held in the capitol and the proceedings of the legislative
24 chambers. The legislative chief information technology officer shall
25 implement the provisions of this section in each fiscal year during which
26 the provisions of this section are effective using the same amount of
27 moneys appropriated for such audio and video broadcasts for the fiscal
28 year ending June 30, 2018.

29 (d) The house of representatives, the senate and each committee may
30 suspend the broadcasting requirements of this section by an affirmative
31 vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of such body's voting members when there is an equipment
32 failure and the purpose is not to avoid the requirements of this section.

33 (e) All broadcasts of legislative proceedings described in this section
34 shall be made available in real time to the public and be accessible, along
35 with archives of all such broadcasts, on the internet for the duration of the
36 legislative biennium in which such broadcasts were recorded.

1 (f) For the purposes of this section, the term "committee" means any
2 standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim
3 committee or any committee that is established by law or by the presiding
4 officer of either legislative chamber.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.