



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 897

HOUSE BILL NO. 2287

By Representative Ramsey

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2152

By Senator Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 6, relative to open records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-603, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) The advisory committee shall, with the guidance of the office of open records counsel, hold meetings to review and provide written comments, if requested, on any proposed legislation regarding the open meetings laws, compiled in chapter 44 of this title, and the open records laws, compiled in title 10, chapter 7.

(2)

(A) The advisory committee shall select two (2) co-chairs from among its membership.

(B) One (1) co-chair selected under subdivision (a)(2)(A) shall represent the interests of advisory committee members appointed under § 8-4-602(b)(1)(C)-(E), (H), and (J)-(L); and one (1) co-chair selected shall represent the interests of members appointed under § 8-4-602(b)(1)(A), (B), (F), (G), (I), (M), and (N).

(C)

(i) The advisory committee shall meet at least once during each calendar year, with the date for such meeting to be set by joint agreement of the co-chairs.

(ii) The co-chairs of the committee:

(a) May, by joint agreement, call additional meetings at any time; and

(b) Shall, upon the request of a majority of the members, call additional meetings.

(3) All meetings of the advisory committee shall be open to the public, pursuant to § 8-44-102.

(b)

(1) The office of open records counsel and the advisory committee shall separately provide a detailed report of their activities to the governor, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate, the chair of the local government committee of the house of representatives, and the chair of the state government committee of the house of representatives by March 1 of each year.

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(2) The advisory committee shall provide reports on open records and open meetings laws and issues as requested by the governor or any committee of the general assembly.

(c) Any written comments or reports provided by the advisory committee shall require unanimous consent of the co-chairs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2018



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR