

# HOUSE BILL 671

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(3lr2213)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment* —

Introduced by **Delegate Hinebaugh**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Garrett County – Board of County Commissioners – Meetings**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to  
4 meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person  
5 or ~~over video broadcast through a live stream~~ *live video streaming*; ~~prohibiting the~~  
6 ~~Board from meeting through a live stream~~ *live video streaming* ~~for more than a~~  
7 ~~certain number of consecutive meetings except under certain circumstances~~; and  
8 generally relating to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett  
9 County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County  
12 Section 30.03  
13 Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (2005 Edition and 2021 Supplement, as amended)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article 12 – Garrett County**

4 30.03.

5 The Board of County Commissioners will meet in public session [weekly] **AT LEAST**  
6 **TWICE A MONTH. THE BOARD MAY HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PERSON OR ~~OVER~~**  
7 **~~VIDEO BROADCAST THROUGH A LIVE STREAM~~ LIVE VIDEO STREAMING. THE BOARD**  
8 **MAY NOT MEET SOLELY THROUGH ~~A LIVE STREAM~~ LIVE VIDEO STREAMING FOR**  
9 **MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT A FORMAL DECLARATION OF A**  
10 **STATE OF EMERGENCY**. The Board will provide notice of all public meeting dates and  
11 times to include notification of any change in schedule or cancellation. The Board will  
12 schedule/announce administrative sessions to review matters that may require executive  
13 action during forthcoming public sessions or to address personnel, administrative, or other  
14 subjects. Each Commissioner will attend appointed commission, board or committee  
15 meetings as scheduled or planned.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.