

HOUSE BILL 671

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CF SB 524

By: **Delegate Hinebaugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 9, 2023

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; prohibiting the Board from meeting
6 through a live stream for more than a certain number of consecutive meetings except
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the meetings of the Board of
8 County Commissioners of Garrett County.

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

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

16 **Article 12 – Garrett County**

17 30.03.

18 The Board of County Commissioners will meet in public session [weekly] **AT LEAST**
19 **TWICE A MONTH. THE BOARD MAY HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PERSON OR ~~OVER~~**
20 **~~VIDEO BROADCAST~~ THROUGH A LIVE STREAM. THE BOARD MAY NOT MEET SOLELY**

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.



1 **THROUGH A LIVE STREAM FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT**
 2 **A FORMAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY.** The Board will provide notice of
 3 all public meeting dates and times to include notification of any change in schedule or
 4 cancellation. The Board will schedule/announce administrative sessions to review matters
 5 that may require executive action during forthcoming public sessions or to address
 6 personnel, administrative, or other subjects. Each Commissioner will attend appointed
 7 commission, board or committee meetings as scheduled or planned.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.