98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS	3605/23	from	Ch.	111	2/3,	par.	323
70 ILCS	3615/3.05	from	Ch.	111	2/3,	par.	703.05
70 ILCS	3615/3A.07	from	Ch.	111	2/3,	par.	703A.07
70 ILCS	3615/3B.07	from	Ch.	111	2/3,	par.	703B.07

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Requires open meetings of the Chicago Transit Board, the Regional Transportation Authority Board, the Commuter Rail Board, and the Suburban Bus Board to be broadcast to the public and maintained in real-time on the Board's website using a high-speed Internet connection. Further provides that recordings of each meeting broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a reasonable time after the meeting and shall be maintained as public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the Board.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning local government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is 5 amended by changing Section 23 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/23) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 323)

7 Sec. 23. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 8 least once in each calendar month, the time and place of such 9 meetings to be fixed by the Board. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All 10 action of the Board shall be by ordinance or resolution and the 11 affirmative vote of at least four members shall be necessary 12 for the adoption of any ordinance or resolution. All such 13 14 ordinances and resolutions before taking effect shall be approved by the chairman of the Board, and if he shall approve 15 16 thereof he shall sign the same, and such as he shall not 17 approve he shall return to the Board with his objections thereto in writing at the next regular meeting of the Board 18 19 occurring after the passage thereof. But in case the chairman shall fail to return any ordinance or resolution with his 20 21 objections thereto by the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to 22 have approved the same and it shall take effect accordingly. Upon the return of any ordinance or resolution by the chairman 23

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with his objections, the vote by which the same was passed 1 2 shall be reconsidered by the Board, and if upon such reconsideration said ordinance or resolution is passed by the 3 affirmative vote of at least five members, it shall go into 4 effect notwithstanding the veto of the chairman. 5 A11 ordinances, resolutions and all proceedings of the Authority 6 and all documents and records in its possession shall be public 7 8 records, and open to public inspection, except such documents 9 and records as shall be kept or prepared by the Board for use 10 in negotiations, action or proceedings to which the Authority 11 is a party.

12 <u>Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the public</u> 13 and maintained in real-time on the Board's website using a 14 <u>high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each meeting</u> 15 <u>broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a</u> 16 <u>reasonable time after the meeting and shall be maintained as</u> 17 <u>public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the</u> 18 <u>Board.</u>

19 (Source: Laws 1945, p. 1171.)

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20 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is 21 amended by changing Sections 3.05, 3A.07, and 3B.07 as follows:

(70 ILCS 3615/3.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.05)
Sec. 3.05. Meetings. The Board shall prescribe the times
and places for meetings and the manner in which special

1 meetings may be called. The Board shall comply in all respects 2 with the "Open Meetings Act", approved July 11, 1957, as now or 3 hereafter amended. All records, documents and papers of the 4 Authority, other than those relating to matters concerning 5 which closed sessions of the Board may be held, shall be 6 available for public examination, subject to such reasonable 7 regulations as the Board may adopt.

A majority of the Directors holding office shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the affirmative votes of at least 9 Directors shall be necessary for approving any contract or agreement, adopting any rule or regulation, and any other action required by this Act to be taken by resolution or ordinance.

15 The Board shall meet with the Regional Citizens Advisory 16 Board at least once every 4 months.

17 <u>Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the public</u> 18 <u>and maintained in real-time on the Board's website using a</u> 19 <u>high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each meeting</u> 20 <u>broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a</u> 21 <u>reasonable time after the meeting and shall be maintained as</u> 22 <u>public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the</u> 23 <u>Board.</u>

24 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

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(70 ILCS 3615/3A.07) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.07)

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3A.07. Meetings. The Suburban Bus 1 Sec. Board shall 2 prescribe the time and places for meetings and the manner in which special meetings may be called. The Suburban Bus Board 3 shall comply in all respects with the "Open Meetings Act", as 4 5 now or hereafter amended. All records, documents and papers of 6 the Suburban Bus Division, other than those relating to matters 7 concerning which closed sessions of the Suburban Bus Board may 8 be held, shall be available for public examination, subject to 9 such reasonable regulations as the Suburban Bus Board may 10 adopt.

11 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the 12 conduct of business. The affirmative votes of at least 7 13 members shall be necessary for any action required by this Act 14 to be taken by ordinance.

15 <u>Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the public</u> 16 <u>and maintained in real-time on the Board's website using a</u> 17 <u>high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each meeting</u> 18 <u>broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a</u> 19 <u>reasonable time after the meeting and shall be maintained as</u> 20 <u>public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the</u> 21 <u>Board.</u>

22 (Source: P.A. 83-886.)

(70 ILCS 3615/3B.07) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.07)
 Sec. 3B.07. Meetings. The Commuter Rail Board shall
 prescribe the times and places for meetings and the manner in

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which special meetings may be called. The Commuter Rail Board shall comply in all respects with the "Open Meetings Act", as now or hereafter amended. All records, documents and papers of the Commuter Rail Division, other than those relating to matters concerning which closed sessions of the Commuter Rail Board may be held, shall be available for public examination, subject to such reasonable regulations as the board may adopt.

8 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the 9 conduct of business. The affirmative votes of at least 6 10 members shall be necessary for any action required by this Act 11 to be taken by ordinance.

12 <u>Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the public</u> 13 <u>and maintained in real-time on the Board's website using a</u> 14 <u>high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each meeting</u> 15 <u>broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a</u> 16 <u>reasonable time after the meeting and shall be maintained as</u> 17 <u>public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the</u> 18 <u>Board.</u>

19 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)