

Draft Substantive Legislation – Technical Fixes for Local Government

Summary of Contents of Draft 9

- More flexibility for public meeting notices.
- Authorization for special executive sessions.
- More flexibility to conduct public meetings via electronic means.
- Waiver of the need to have interpreters present at certain public meetings.
- Waiver of any requirement that persons be allowed to testify in person at public hearings.
- Flexible quorum requirements due to illness.
- Suspension of specific public records request response timelines.
- Suspension of public records request appeals.
- More flexibility for expenditures outside of the local budget process.
- Shifting public comment on local budget processes to electronic means.
- More flexibility for local public budget hearing notices.
- Shifting public appearances for or against local budget items to electronic means.
- Shifting meetings with taxpayers regarding local budgets to electronic means.
- Allowing publication of local budget law notices on the internet.
- Staying all timelines for land use decisions and appeals.
- Staying the bargaining timeline for public employee collective bargaining.
- Providing for electronic filing and recording of instruments with county clerks.
- Extending the timeframe for bonding expenditures for county courthouse projects.
- Staying timelines for processing and recording partition and subdivision plats.
- Allowing alteration or construction of facilities related to preserving public health, welfare, and safety without going out for a public bid
- Staying timelines for the processing of concealed handgun license applications; and extending the expiration of existing licenses.
- Staying timelines for sex offender registration processes.
- Staying enforcement of civil judgments.
- Allowing sheriffs to matrix release for all Misdemeanors and Class C Felonies.
- Allowing for citations in lieu of custody for arrests on warrants for Misdemeanors and Class C Felonies, except for domestic violence.

- Allowing for citations in lieu of custody for arrests on probation violations, except for domestic violence.
- Allowing for citations in lieu of custody to have court appearance no later than 120 days from issuance of citation.