

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 297

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

AN ACT

RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS; REQUIRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEES TO
BE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 91, Section 2) is amended to read:

"10-15-2. STATE LEGISLATURE--MEETINGS.--

A. Unless otherwise provided by joint house and
senate rule, all meetings of [~~a quorum of members of~~] any
committee or policy-making body of the [~~state~~] legislature held
for the purpose of discussing public business or for the
purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the
delegated authority of [~~such~~] the committee or body are
declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times.
Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to the public by

1 publication on the daily calendars or by the presiding officer
2 in each house at the time the meeting is scheduled.

3 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section
4 [~~shall~~] do not apply to matters relating to personnel or
5 matters adjudicatory in nature [~~or any bill, resolution or~~
6 ~~other legislative matter not yet presented to either house of~~
7 ~~the legislature or general appropriation bills] or to
8 investigative or quasi-judicial proceedings relating to ethics
9 and conduct or to a caucus of a political party.~~

10 C. For the purposes of this section, "meeting"
11 means a gathering of a quorum of the members [~~called by the~~
12 ~~presiding officer]~~ of a standing committee or conference
13 committee held for the purpose of taking any action within the
14 authority of the committee or body."

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete