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HOUSE BILL 202

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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AN ACT

RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS; AMENDING THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO
INCLUDE INTERIM COMMITTEES WITHIN ITS PROVISIONS.

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, as amended) is amended to read:

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

A. Unless otherwise provided by joint house and
senate rule, all meetings of any committee or [~~policy-making~~]
policymaking body of the 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
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 publication or by the presiding

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 officer of each house prior to the time the meeting is
2 scheduled.

3 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section
4 do not apply to matters relating to personnel or matters
5 adjudicatory in nature or to investigative or quasi-judicial
6 proceedings relating to ethics and conduct or to a caucus of a
7 political party.

8 C. For the purposes of this section, "meeting"
9 means a gathering of a quorum of the members of a standing
10 committee, interim committee, [~~or~~] conference committee or the
11 New Mexico legislative council held for the purpose of taking
12 any action within the authority of the committee or body."