
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 253

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY ZEARFOSS AND RAPPAPORT, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175), entitled
2 "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings
3 and hearings open to the public and providing penalties,"
4 further providing for the taking of formal action.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2, act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486,
8 No.175), referred to as the Public Agency Open Meeting Law, is
9 amended to read:

10 Section 2. The meetings or hearings of every agency at which
11 formal action is scheduled or taken are public meetings and
12 shall be open to the public at all times. No formal action shall
13 be valid unless such formal action is taken during a public
14 meeting and unless such formal action is taken by an open and
15 public ballot. The names and the votes of those voting shall be
16 recorded in the minutes of the meeting and such records shall be
17 available to the public pursuant to section 4. The use of secret
18 ballots or other such devices to conceal the manner in which the
19 votes were made is prohibited.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.