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A bill for an act

relating to open meeting law; providing that certain communications on social media are not meetings under the law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13D.01, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13D.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** (a) This chapter does not apply:

(1) to meetings of the commissioner of corrections;

(2) to a state agency, board, or commission when it is exercising quasi-judicial functions involving disciplinary proceedings; ~~or~~

(3) to participation in social media forums by members of a public body otherwise subject to this chapter, so long as:

(i) the social media forums are open to public participation;

(ii) the social media forums have been first identified by the public body at a public meeting and a list of the identified social media forums is kept on file and publicly posted at the primary offices and on the official Web site if one exists of the public body;

(iii) participation is limited to discussion only and no decision or vote is made or taken;

(iv) the use of social media forums is not the sole or primary means of deliberation by the public body; and

(v) participation does not take the place of any required public meeting or hearing; or

(4) as otherwise expressly provided by statute.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "social media" means forms of Web-based and mobile technologies for communication, such as Web sites for social networking

- 2.1 and microblogging, through which users participate in online communities to share
- 2.2 information, ideas, messages, and other content.