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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4120

02/22/2024 Authored by Koegel; Bahner; Hanson, J.; Edelson and Hussein The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to open meetings; modifying the Open Meeting Law; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2022, section 13D.01, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new
1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13D.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. Monitoring from a remote site. To the extent practical, the public body shall
1.9 allow a person to monitor meetings required to be open to the public under this section from
1.10 a remote location.

1.11 Sec. 2. [13D.055] PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

1.12 Subdivision 1. Public comment during meetings. If it is the public body's practice to
1.13 offer a public comment period, the public comment period must be part of a meeting and
1.14 must be held during the meeting.

1.15 Subd. 2. Public comment location. If it is the public body's practice to offer a public
1.16 comment period at a meeting governed by section 13D.01, 13D.015, or 13D.02, the location
1.17 of the meeting shall serve as the location where members of the public may deliver public
1.18 comments. The public body may also allow public comment from a remote location.