

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3140

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires BPU public meetings held in State-owned building to be broadcast live on Internet provided necessary technology is available in building.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning public meetings held by the Board of Public  
2 Utilities and amending R.S.48:2-3.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.48:2-3 is amended to read as follows:

8 R.S.48:2-3. a. The board shall have a principal office and  
9 such other offices in such place and places as the Governor in  
10 writing may designate, and shall be provided with all necessary  
11 furniture, stationery, maps, supplies, and office appliances. The  
12 board shall appoint a director of office management to serve such  
13 office and offices and fix **his** the director's duties and terms of  
14 service. It shall fix the compensation of the director of office  
15 management at not less than range code A-32 under the State of  
16 New Jersey Compensation Plan, effective June 23, 1973.

17 b. The board shall meet at such times and places within this  
18 State as it may provide. A public meeting of the board held in a  
19 building owned by the State shall be broadcast live on the board's  
20 Internet website as an audio or video transmission, provided that: (1)  
21 the building where the board is meeting is equipped with the necessary  
22 technology to broadcast the meeting live on the Internet as an audio or  
23 video transmission; and (2) the State entity responsible for audio or  
24 video transmission at the building where the board is meeting shall  
25 provide the board with access to the necessary equipment and  
26 technology to broadcast that meeting live on the board's Internet  
27 website. The board shall maintain an electronic archive of the audio  
28 recordings of all public meetings of the board held in a building owned  
29 by the State where the building is equipped with the necessary  
30 technology to make an audio recording of the meeting, and the board  
31 shall make those archived audio recordings available to the public  
32 through the board's Internet website.

33 (cf: P.L.1974, c.82, s.1)

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35 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill provides that a public meeting held by the Board of  
41 Public Utilities (board) in a building owned by the State is to be  
42 broadcast live on the board's Internet website as an audio or video  
43 transmission, provided that: (1) the building where the board is  
44 meeting is equipped with the necessary technology to broadcast the  
45 meeting live on the Internet as an audio or video transmission; and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (2) the State entity responsible for audio or video transmission at  
2 the building where the board is meeting is to provide the board with  
3 access to the necessary equipment and technology to broadcast that  
4 meeting live on the board's Internet website. The board is to  
5 maintain an electronic archive of the audio recordings of all public  
6 meetings of the board held in a building owned by the State where  
7 the building is equipped with the necessary technology to make an  
8 audio recording of the meeting, and the board is to make those  
9 archived audio recordings available to the public through the  
10 board's Internet website.