

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public meetings; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; requiring that the notice of a public meeting include a description of each matter to be considered at such meeting; prohibiting the board or commission of an agency or authority of the state, a county, a municipality, or a political subdivision from acting upon a matter at a public meeting which was not included in the notice of such meeting; providing an exception for certain emergency matters upon the approval of a super majority of the members of the board or commission; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

286.011 Public meetings and records; public inspection; criminal and civil penalties.—

(1) All meetings of a ~~any~~ board or commission of a ~~any~~ state agency or authority or of an ~~any~~ agency or authority of a ~~any~~ county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, including meetings with or attended by a ~~any~~ person elected to such board or commission, but who has not yet taken office, at which

HB 985

2014

27 official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings  
28 open to the public at all times, and no resolution, rule, or  
29 formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or  
30 made at such meeting. The board or commission must provide  
31 reasonable notice of all such meetings which shall include a  
32 specific description of each matter to be considered by the  
33 board or commission at such meeting. A board or commission may  
34 not act upon any matter at a public meeting which was not  
35 included in the notice of such meeting unless the matter  
36 concerns an impending public health, safety, welfare, or other  
37 emergency that requires immediate action, and the consideration  
38 of the matter is approved by a super majority of the members of  
39 the board or commission. This subsection does not limit the  
40 application of any other provision of law, a charter, an  
41 ordinance, or a rule that imposes additional or more restrictive  
42 notice requirements on a board or commission.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.