

## No. 11

## AN ACT

## HB 182

Amending the act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175), entitled "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and hearings open to the public and providing penalties," providing for public notice in case of certain meetings of the General Assembly and excepting meetings of ethics committees created pursuant to rules of the House of Representatives or the Senate.

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

Section 1. Section 5, act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175), entitled "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and hearings open to the public and providing penalties," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 5. \* \* \*

*(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, in case of sessions of the General Assembly, all meetings of legislative committees to be held within the Capitol complex where bills are considered, and all legislative hearings to be held within the Capitol complex where testimony is taken, the requirement for public notice thereof shall be complied with if within the time limits prescribed by this section:*

*(1) the Supervisor of the Newsroom of the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg is supplied for distribution to the members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents Association with a minimum of thirty copies of the notice of the date, time and place of each session, meeting or hearing: Provided, That where the prescribed notice has been supplied containing the specific number of days of a week scheduled for legislative sessions of the House or Senate, but the House or Senate thereafter determines to be in a greater number of session days than that originally scheduled for such week, the public notice requirement for such additional session days shall be deemed complied with, if the Speaker of the House or presiding officer of the Senate, as the case may be, makes public announcement during open meeting of a regularly scheduled session of the date, time and place of the additional session day or days and notice is posted as prescribed by this section; and*

*(2) there is a posting of the copy of such notice at a public place within the main Capitol building designated by the Chief Clerk and the Secretary of the Senate.*

*Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, committees may be called into session in accordance with the provisions of the rules of the House or the Senate and an announcement by the Speaker of the House or the presiding officer of the Senate: Provided, That such announcement is made in open session of the House or the Senate.*

Section 2. Section 7 of the act is amended to read:

Section 7. For the purpose of this act, meetings of the Legislature which are covered are as follows: all meetings of committees where bills are considered, all hearings where testimony is taken, all sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Not included in the intent of this act are party caucuses, *nor any meeting of any ethics committee created pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives or the Senate.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

We certify that this bill, House Bill No.182, Printer's No.2245, having passed both Houses, vetoed by the Governor, was returned to the House of Representatives where the House proceeded to reconsider and again pass the bill by more than a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the House, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon notification by the House of Representatives as to their action the Senate proceeded to reconsider and again pass the bill by more than a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the Senate, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given under our hand and seal this fourth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

ERNEST P. KLINE  
President, Senate

HERBERT FINEMAN  
Speaker, House of Representatives

MARK GRUELL, JR.  
Secretary, Senate

VINCENT F. SCARCELLI  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

*Note.* The date of final enactment of Act No. 11 is February 3, 1976.