

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4705

April 22, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Meerman, Howell, Yaroch and Steven Johnson and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled  
"Open meetings act,"  
(MCL 15.261 to 15.275) by adding section 9a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 9a. (1) Every meeting of a public body that is a state**  
2 **licensing board, commission panel, or rule-making board, except a**  
3 **meeting or part of a meeting held in closed session, must be**  
4 **recorded in a manner that allows for the capture of sound,**  
5 **including, without limitation, in any of the following formats:**

1 (a) A sound-only recording.

2 (b) A video recording with sound and picture.

3 (c) A digital or analog broadcast capable of being recorded.

4 (2) A recording required under subsection (1) must be  
5 maintained for a minimum of 1 year from the date of the meeting in  
6 a format that can be reproduced upon a request under the freedom of  
7 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.