1	SENATE FLOOR VERSION
2	April 17, 2025 AS AMENDED
3	ENGROSSED HOUSE
4	BILL NO. 1409 BILL NO. 1409 By: Crosswhite Hader of the House
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9	[notices by public bodies - email distribution systems - effective date]
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
13	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 311, as
14	amended by Section 1, Chapter 60, O.S.L. 2024 (25 O.S. Supp. 2024,
15	Section 311), is amended to read as follows:
16	Section 311. A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,
17	all regularly scheduled, continued or reconvened, special or
18	emergency meetings of public bodies shall be preceded by public
19	notice as follows:
20	1. All public bodies shall give notice in writing by December
21	15 of each calendar year of the schedule showing the date, time and
22	place of the regularly scheduled meetings of such public bodies for
23	the following calendar year;
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2. All state public bodies including, but not limited to,
 public trusts and other bodies with the state as beneficiary, shall
 give such notice to the Secretary of State;

3. All county public bodies including, but not limited to,
public trusts and any other bodies with the county as beneficiary,
shall give such notice to the county clerk of the county wherein
they are principally located;

4. All municipal public bodies including, but not limited to,
public trusts and any other bodies with the municipality as
beneficiary, shall give such notice to the municipal clerk of the
municipality wherein they are principally located;

12 5. All multicounty, regional, areawide or district public 13 bodies including, but not limited to, district boards of education, 14 shall give such notice to the county clerk of the county wherein 15 they are principally located, or if no office exists, to the county 16 clerk of the county or counties served by such public body;

6. All governing boards of state institutions of higher 17 education, and committees and subcommittees thereof, shall give such 18 notice to the Secretary of State. All other public bodies covered 19 by the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act which exist under 20 the auspices of a state institution of higher education, but a 21 majority of whose members are not members of the institution's 22 governing board, shall give such notice to the county clerk of the 23 county wherein the institution is principally located; 24

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7. The Secretary of State and each county clerk or municipal
 clerk shall keep a record of all notices received in a register open
 to the public for inspection during regular office hours, and, in
 addition, shall make known upon any request of any person the
 contents of the register;

8. If any change is to be made of the date, time or place of
regularly scheduled meetings of public bodies, then notice in
writing shall be given to the Secretary of State or county clerk or
municipal clerk, as required herein, not less than ten (10) days
prior to the implementation of any such change;

9. In addition to the advance public notice in writing 11 a. 12 required to be filed for regularly scheduled meetings, described in paragraph 1 of this subsection, all 13 public bodies shall, at least twenty-four (24) hours 14 prior to such regularly scheduled meetings, display 15 public notice of the meeting by at least one of the 16 following methods: 17

- 18 (1) by posting information that includes date, time,
 19 place and agenda for the meeting in prominent
 20 public view at the principal office of the public
 21 body or at the location of the meeting if no
 22 office exists, or
- (2) by posting on the public body's Internet website
 the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting

in accordance with Section 3106.2 of Title 74 of 1 the Oklahoma Statutes. Additionally, the public 2 body shall offer and consistently maintain an 3 email distribution system for distribution of 4 5 such notice of a public meeting required by this subsection, and any person may request to be 6 included without charge, and their request shall 7 be accepted. The emailed notice of a public 8 9 meeting required by this subsection shall include in the body of the email or as an attachment to 10 the email the date, time, place and agenda for 11 the meeting and it shall be sent no less than 12 13 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Additionally, the public body shall make the 14 notice of a public meeting required by this 15 subsection available to the public in the 16 principal office of the public body or at the 17 location of the meeting during normal business 18 hours at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to 19 the meeting. Public bodies may require persons 20 participating in the email distribution system to 21 annually confirm the request to be included in 22 the email distribution system. If the person 23 does not confirm the request, public bodies may 24

1	remove that person from the email distribution
2	system. Nothing herein prohibits an individual
3	from participating in an email distribution
4	system from which that individual was previously
5	removed.
6	b. In addition to the notice requirements of this
7	section, all state public bodies, as defined in
8	paragraph 2 of this subsection, shall, at least
9	twenty-four (24) hours prior to regularly scheduled
10	meetings, display public notice of the meeting by:
11	(1) posting information that includes date, time,
12	place and agenda for the meeting in prominent
13	public view at the principal office of the public
14	body or at the location of the meeting if no
15	office exists, and
16	(2) posting on the public body's Internet website the
17	date, time, place and agenda for the meeting in
18	accordance with Section 3106.2 of Title 74 of the
19	Oklahoma Statutes;
20	10. The twenty-four (24) hours required in paragraph 9 of this
21	subsection shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and holidays legally
22	declared by the State of Oklahoma. The posting or distribution of a
23	notice of a public meeting as described in paragraph 9 of this
24	subsection shall not preclude a public body from considering at its

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1 regularly scheduled meeting any new business. "New business", as
2 used herein, shall mean any matter not known about or which could
3 not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting;

In the event any meeting is to be continued or reconvened, public notice of such action including date, time and place of the continued meeting, shall be given by announcement at the original meeting. Only matters appearing on the agenda of the meeting which is continued may be discussed at the continued or reconvened meeting;

Special meetings of public bodies shall not be held without 10 12. public notice being given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to 11 12 the meetings. Such public notice of date, time and place shall be given in writing, in person or by telephonic means to the Secretary 13 of State or to the county clerk or to the municipal clerk by public 14 bodies in the manner set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 15 this subsection. The public body also shall cause written notice of 16 the date, time and place of the meeting to be mailed or delivered to 17 each person, newspaper, wire service, radio station and television 18 station that has filed a written request for notice of meetings of 19 the public body with the clerk or secretary of the public body or 20 with some other person designated by the public body. Such written 21 notice shall be mailed or delivered at least forty-eight (48) hours 22 prior to the special meeting. The public body may charge a fee of 23 up to Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per year to persons or entities 24

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1 filing a written request for notice of meetings, and may require 2 such persons or entities to renew the request for notice annually. In addition, all public bodies shall, at least twenty-four (24) 3 hours prior to such special meetings, display public notice of the 4 5 meeting, setting forth thereon the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting. Only matters appearing on the posted agenda may be 6 considered at the special meeting. Such public notice shall be 7 posted in prominent public view at the principal office of the 8 9 public body or at the location of the meeting if no office exists. 10 Twenty-four (24) hours prior public posting shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and holidays legally declared by the State of Oklahoma. 11 In 12 lieu of the public posting requirements of this paragraph, a public body may elect to follow the requirements found in division (2) of 13 subparagraph a of paragraph 9 of this subsection, provided that 14 forty-eight-hour notice is required for special meetings and that 15 the forty-eight-hour requirement shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays 16 and holidays legally declared by the State of Oklahoma; 17 13. In the event of an emergency, an emergency meeting of a 18

19 public body may be held without the public notice heretofore 20 required. Should an emergency meeting of a public body be 21 necessary, the person calling such a meeting shall give as much 22 advance public notice as is reasonable and possible under the 23 circumstances existing, in person or by telephonic or electronic 24 means; and

SENATE FLOOR VERSION - HB1409 SFLR (Bold face denotes Committee Amendments) 1 14. A public body that gives public notice of a meeting for 2 which there will be a videoconference option in accordance with 3 Section 307.1 of this title shall not modify the method of meeting 4 described in the notice prior to the meeting and shall conduct the 5 meeting according to the methods described in the notice. If a code 6 or password is required to access the videoconference meeting, the 7 code or password shall be included in the public notice.

B. 1. All agendas required pursuant to the provisions of this
section shall identify all items of business to be transacted by a
public body at a meeting including, but not limited to, any proposed
executive session for the purpose of engaging in deliberations or
rendering a final or intermediate decision in an individual
proceeding prescribed by the Administrative Procedures Act.

14 2. If a public body proposes to conduct an executive session, 15 the agenda shall:

contain sufficient information for the public to 16 а. ascertain that an executive session will be proposed, 17 identify the items of business and purposes of the b. 18 executive session, and 19 state specifically the provision of Section 307 of 20 с. this title authorizing the executive session. 21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025. 22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 23 April 17, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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