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## **SENATE** STATE OF MINNESOTA **NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

A bill for an act

relating to open meetings; modifying the Open Meeting Law; amending Minnesota

S.F. No. 4297

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans
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| 1.3<br>1.4 | Statutes 2022, section 13D.01, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D. |
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| 1.5        | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:  |
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| 1.6        | Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13D.01, is amended by adding a subdivision                                   |
| 1.7        | to read:   |
| 1.8        | Subd. 7. Monitoring from a remote site. To the extent practical, the public body shall                                   |
| 1.9        | allow a person to monitor meetings required to be open to the public under this section from                             |
| 1.10       | a remote location.   |
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| 1.11       | Sec. 2. [13D.055] PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.   |
| 1.12       | Subdivision 1. Public comment during meetings. If it is the public body's practice to                                    |
| 1.13       | offer a public comment period, the public comment period must be part of a meeting and                                   |
| 1.14       | must be held during the meeting.   |
| 1.15       | Subd. 2. Public comment location. If it is the public body's practice to offer a public                                  |
| 1.16       | comment period at a meeting governed by section 13D.01, 13D.015, or 13D.02, the location                                 |
| 1.17       | of the meeting shall serve as the location where members of the public may deliver public                                |

comments. The public body may also allow public comment from a remote location.

Sec. 2. 1