After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB19-1087 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-6-402, amend (2)(c) as follows:

24-6-402. Meetings - open to public - legislative declaration - definitions. (2) (c) (I) Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. The public place or places for posting such notice shall be designated annually at the local public body's first regular meeting of each calendar year. The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible.

(II) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRANSITION FROM POSTING PHYSICAL NOTICES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PHYSICAL LOCATIONS TO POSTING NOTICES ON A WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT, OR OTHER OFFICIAL ONLINE PRESENCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE;
(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly to relieve a local government of the requirement to physically post meeting notices, with certain exceptions, if the local government complies with the requirements of online posted notices of meetings;

(C) A number of factors may affect the ability of some local governments to easily establish a website, post meeting notices online, and otherwise benefit from having an online presence, including the availability of broadband or reliable broadband, the lack of cellular telephone and data services, and fiscal or staffing constraints of the local government;

(D) Local governments are encouraged to avail themselves of existing free resources for creating a website and receiving content management assistance from the Colorado statewide internet portal authority and statewide associations representing local governmental entities; and

(E) It is the intent of the General Assembly to closely monitor the transition to providing notices of public meetings online over the next two years and, if significant progress is not made, to bring legislation mandating in statute that all notices be posted online except in very narrow circumstances that are beyond the control of a local government.

(III) On and after July 1, 2019, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice of a public meeting if the local public body posts the notice, with specific agenda information if available, no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting on a public website of the local public body. The notice must be accessible at no charge to the public. The local public body shall, to the extent feasible, make the notices searchable by type of meeting, date of meeting, time of meeting, agenda contents, and any other category deemed appropriate by the local public body and shall consider linking the notices to any appropriate social media accounts of the local public body. A local public body that provides notice on a website pursuant to this subsection (2)(c)(III) shall provide the address of the website to the department of local affairs for inclusion in the inventory maintained pursuant to section 24-32-116. A local public body that posts a notice of a public meeting on a public website pursuant to this subsection (2)(c)(III) may in its discretion also post a notice by any other means including in a designated public place pursuant to subsection
(2)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL
BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE SUCH OTHER POSTING. A LOCAL PUBLIC BODY
THAT POSTS NOTICES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ON A PUBLIC WEBSITE
PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c)(III) SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC
PLACE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC BODY AT WHICH IT
MAY POST A NOTICE NO LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO A
MEETING IF IT IS UNABLE TO POST A NOTICE ONLINE IN EXIGENT OR
EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS A POWER OUTAGE OR AN
INTERRUPTION IN INTERNET SERVICE THAT PREVENTS THE PUBLIC FROM
ACCESSING THE NOTICE ONLINE.

(IV) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LOCAL PUBLIC BODY"
INCLUDES MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND SPECIAL
DISTRICTS.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-903, amend (2)
as follows:

32-1-903. Meetings. (2) Notice of time and place designated for
all regular AND SPECIAL meetings shall be posted in at least three public
places within the limits of the special district, and, in addition, one such
notice shall be posted in the office of the county clerk and recorder in the
county or counties in which the special district is located. Such notices
shall remain posted and shall be changed in the event that the time or
place of such regular meetings is changed PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 24-6-402. Special meetings may be called by any director
by informing the other directors of the date, time, and place of such
special meeting, and the purpose for which it is called, and by posting
PROVIDING notice as provided in this section at least seventy-two hours
prior to said meeting IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-6-402. All official
business of the board shall be conducted only during said regular or
special meetings at which a quorum is present, and all said meetings shall
be open to the public.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.".