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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AUDIO AND VIDEO  
RECORDINGS

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Paolino, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: April 05, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND  
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 46.1

4 AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

5 **42-46.1-1. Recordings to be made.**

6 (a) All public bodies, as defined in § 42-46-2, within state government and all state public  
7 and quasi-public boards, agencies and corporations shall make audio and video recordings of all  
8 open meetings of the body and shall transmit the recordings of all open meetings, as defined in  
9 chapter 46 of this title, within forty-eight (48) hours of the meeting to the office of the secretary  
10 of state.

11 (b) The secretary of state shall post the recordings of all open meetings recorded,  
12 pursuant to this section, on its website within one business day of receipt and make the recordings  
13 available to the public in such format or formats as are commonly used for Internet transmission.

14 (c) This section shall not apply to public bodies whose responsibilities are solely advisory  
15 in nature.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require audio and video recordings of all open meetings of state and  
2 quasi-public agencies and bodies to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office. The secretary  
3 of state would post recordings of all open meetings on its website to be available for public  
4 access.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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