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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations
03/20/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to open meeting law; providing that certain communications on social
1.3 media are not meetings under the law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012,
1.4 section 13D.01, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13D.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** This chapter does not apply:

1.8 (1) to meetings of the commissioner of corrections;

1.9 (2) to a state agency, board, or commission when it is exercising quasi-judicial
1.10 functions involving disciplinary proceedings; ~~or~~

1.11 (3) to participation in social media forums by members of a public body otherwise
1.12 subject to this chapter, so long as:

1.13 (i) the social media forums are open to public participation;

1.14 (ii) the social media forums have been first identified by the public body at a public
1.15 meeting and a list of the identified social media forums is kept on file at the primary
1.16 offices of the public body;

1.17 (iii) participation is limited to discussion only and no decision or vote is made
1.18 or taken;

1.19 (iv) the use of social media forums is not the sole means of deliberation by the
1.20 public body; and

1.21 (v) participation does not take the place of any required public meeting or hearing.

1.22 "Social media" means forms of Web-based and mobile technologies for communication,
1.23 such as Web sites for social networking and microblogging, through which users participate
1.24 in online communities to share information, ideas, messages, and other content; or

2.1 (4) as otherwise expressly provided by statute.