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SENATE BILL **393**

AN ACT relative to the definition of “meeting” under the right-to-know law.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sanborn, Dist 7; Sen. Forsythe, Dist 4; Rep. Sanborn, Merr 5; Rep. Ohm, Hills 26

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

Until December 1, 2012, this bill includes in the definition of “meeting” under the right-to-know law open source blogging, managed by the department of information technology, among committee members of a statutory study committee.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT relative to the definition of “meeting” under the right-to-know law.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Right-to-Know Law; Definition of “Meeting.” Notwithstanding RSA 91-A:1, I, “meeting” for the
2 purposes of RSA 91-A shall also include open source blogging, managed by the department of
3 information technology, solely for legislative study committees or commissions, when specifically
4 approved by both the senate president and the speaker of the house of representatives. Such open
5 source blogging shall be open for public viewing of member discussions and not open for public
6 comment. The chairman of each committee and commission shall provide notice of its open source
7 blog at the first meeting held in person after the effective date of this act. Voting through the blog is
8 hereby prohibited. The provisions of this section shall be null and void after December 1, 2012,
9 unless further extended by the legislature.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.