

## SENATE BILL No. 621

By Committee on Elections and Local Government

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9 AN ACT concerning open meetings; pertaining to serial communications  
10 with members of the governing body of municipalities; amending  
11 K.S.A. 75-4317a and repealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 75-4317a is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
15 4317a. (a) As used in this act, “meeting” means any gathering, assembly,  
16 telephone call or any other means of interactive communication by a  
17 majority of a quorum of the membership of a body or agency subject to  
18 this act for the purpose of discussing the business or affairs of the body  
19 or agency.

20 (b) *Any meeting by persons who are members of a body or agency*  
21 *subject to this act and who constitute less than a majority of a quorum*  
22 *shall be open to the public if such meeting is one in a series intended to*  
23 *determine, influence or develop consensus of a majority of a quorum of*  
24 *the body or agency and to subvert the policy of open public meetings as*  
25 *pronounced in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 75-4317, and amendments thereto.*

26 (c) *A meeting shall be deemed to be serial if such meeting involves*  
27 *less than a majority of a quorum of a public body but is one in a series*  
28 *of meetings that collectively involve a majority of a quorum and that share*  
29 *a common topic of discussion of the business or affairs of that body or*  
30 *agency. A serial meeting that must be open to the public includes those*  
31 *in which a non-member of the body or agency meets individually with*  
32 *members intending to determine, influence or develop consensus of a ma-*  
33 *jority of a quorum of the body or agency and to subvert the policy of open*  
34 *public meetings as pronounced in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 75-4317 and*  
35 *amendments thereto.*

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-4317a is hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
38 publication in the statute book.