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Representative Porter,

Here is the language that governs cities:

Beginning with the 1996 biennial municipal elections, and every four years thereafter, all cities in North Dakota, regardless of their form of government, must put on the ballot the question of whether the minutes of its governing body shall be published in its official newspaper. If voters approve publication, the governing body shall, within seven days after each of its meetings, give its official newspaper, for publication, the complete minutes, or a complete summary showing the substantive actions taken at the meeting.

Below is language proposed for an amendment to HB 1391:

The water resource board shall keep accurate minutes of its meetings and accurate records and books of account, clearly setting out and reflecting the entire operation, management, and business of the district. ~~The minutes of the meeting must be published and distributed within seventy-two hours after any meeting date.~~ The minutes of the meeting must be provided to the official newspaper of the county for publication or posted to the water resource board's website within 10 days. These books and records shall be kept at the principal office of the district or at such other regularly maintained office or offices of the district as shall be designated by the board, with due regard to the convenience of the district, its customers, and residents. The books and records shall be open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

Is that fair?

Thanks,



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