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H 311. NOTICE OF SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETINGS. Filed 2/21/07. TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER NOTICE OF SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY MEETINGS UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. Amends GS 143-318.12 to require notice of a public body's meeting to be posted on the public body's website and allows notices to be emailed rather than mailed or delivered to news outlets and others that have filed a written request for notice with the public body. Requires eight days' advance notice if the only newspaper that has requested notices publishes weekly. Unless disaster makes it impossible to do so, requires notices of emergency meetings to state the purpose of the meeting and be posted before the meeting on the public body's bulletin board or meeting room door, on the body's website (if any), and by e-mail to persons requesting notice (if the public body has e-mail). Allows notices to be e-mailed to news outlets and to others requesting notice. Effective for meetings held on or after October 1, 2007. Intro. by Cleveland.