Initiative 2023-2024 #287: Repeal Provisions in Open Meetings Law Applicable to Legislative Proceedings FINAL TEXT

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-6-402, repeal as added by Senate Bill 24-157 (2.5) as follows:

- **24-6-402.** Meetings open to public legislative declaration definitions. (2.5) (a) For purposes of applying subsections (2)(c)(I) and (2)(d)(I) of this section to a meeting of a state public body of the general assembly, a quorum must be contemporaneous.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsections (1)(b) and (2)(d)(III) of this section, any form of written communication, electronic or otherwise, exchanged by two or more members of the general assembly is not subject to this part 4, but any records of the communication are subject to disclosure to the extent required by the "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of title 24.
- (c) For purposes of the application of this part 4 to the general assembly, "public business":

 (I) MEANS:
- (A) Introduced legislation, including bills, resolutions, and memorials;
- (B) Proposed legislation, which includes a bill, resolution, or memorial, if a draft of the proposed legislation prepared by the office of legislative legal services is being discussed by a quorum of a statutory committee or a committee of reference during a regular or special legislative session of the general assembly or by a quorum of any type of interim committee; or (C) Other matters before a statutory committee, any type of interim committee, or a committee of reference; and
- (II) Does not include matters that are by nature interpersonal, administrative, or logistical or that concern personnel, planning, process, training, or operations, if the merits or substance of matters set forth in subsection (2.5)(c)(I) of this section are not discussed, as used in this subsection (2.5)(c)(II), "merits or substance" has the same meaning as set forth in subsection (2)(d)(III) of this section.