

Senator Don L. Ipson proposes the following substitute bill:

DISRUPTING LEGISLATIVE OR OFFICIAL MEETINGS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson

House Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends criminal provisions relating to disturbing the Legislature or an official meeting.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the elements of the crime of disturbing the Legislature or an official meeting; and
- modifies penalties for a violation of this bill.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

76-8-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 30

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



26 Section 1. Section **76-8-304** is repealed and reenacted to read:

27 **76-8-304. Disturbing an official meeting.**

28 (1) As used in this section,"official meeting" means:

29 (a) a meeting, as defined in Section **52-4-103**;

30 (b) a meeting of the Legislature, the Utah Senate, the Utah House of Representatives, a
31 legislative caucus, or any committee, task force, working group, or other organization in the
32 state legislative branch; or

33 (c) a meeting of an entity created by the Utah Constitution, Utah Code, Utah
34 administrative rule, legislative rule, or a written rule or policy of the Legislative Management
35 Committee.

36 (2) It is unlawful for an individual to ~~H~~→ , after being given a verbal warning to cease
36a disrupting, disturbing, or engaging in disorderly conduct, ←~~H~~ intentionally:

37 (a) disrupt or disturb an official meeting; or

38 (b) engage in disorderly conduct at an official meeting.

39 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is:

40 (a) a class C misdemeanor if the violation is a first offense;

41 (b) a class B misdemeanor if the violation is a second offense; or

42 (c) a class A misdemeanor if the violation is a third or subsequent offense.

43 Section 2. **Effective date.**

44 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
45 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
46 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
47 the date of veto override.