

Government in the Sunshine Act*

5 U.S.C. §552b

Agency meetings, subject to certain exceptions, shall be open to the public. [5 U.S.C. §552b(b)-(c)]

The Act provides for the procedures to be followed to **close**, in whole or in part, an agency meeting to the public. [5 U.S.C. §552b(d)] The Act also provides for the procedures to be followed when an agency meeting is closed to the public. [5 U.S.C. §552b(f)]

Agencies must **publicly announce** and publish in the *Federal Register* the time, place, and subject matter of meetings, whether they are open or closed to the public, and the name of an agency official who can provide information about the meeting. [5 U.S.C. §552b(c)]

The Act provides for the **procedures** to be followed, and relief available, in actions to enforce the Act's requirements. [5 U.S.C. §552b(g)-(i)]

The Act does not authorize withholding information from Congress. [5 U.S.C. §552b(l)]