

Bill would shorten notice for some county meetings

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JACKSON, Miss. -- The Mississippi House has passed a bill to shorten the amount of public notice required before any county board of supervisors could conduct an emergency meeting.

Senate Bill 2884 would allow emergency meetings to be held with only three hours' notice. The current minimum requirement is 24 hours.

The bill was passed earlier by the Senate and now goes to Gov. Phil Bryant.

The measure says the three-hour notice can only be triggered by weather, disease epidemics or serious damage to county property, roads or bridges.

The president or vice president of a county board or any two supervisors could call a meeting. It says those calling a meeting must post notice on the courthouse door and make every attempt to contact board members not immediately reached.