

- (1) consolidate a proceeding under this section with another proceeding under this section or an appeal from the action of the public body;
- (2) issue an injunction;
- (3) determine the applicability of this subtitle to the discussions or decisions of public bodies;
- (4) if the court finds that a public body willfully failed to comply with § 10-505, § 10-506, § 10-507, or § 10-509(c)[(2)] of this subtitle and that no other remedy is adequate, declare void the final action of the public body;
- (5) as part of its judgment:
 - (i) assess against any party reasonable counsel fees and other litigation expenses that the party who prevails in the action incurred; and
 - (ii) require a reasonable bond to ensure the payment of the assessment; and
- (6) grant any other appropriate relief.

(E) (1) A PERSON MAY FILE A PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT SEEKING AN OPINION FROM THE STATE OPEN MEETINGS LAW COMPLIANCE BOARD.

(2) THE FAILURE OF A PERSON TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD IS NOT A GROUND FOR THE COURT TO EITHER STAY OR DISMISS A PETITION.

~~(3) IF A PERSON HAS FILED A WRITTEN COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING A PETITION, THE COURT MAY STAY ANY COURT ACTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO WHICH THAT PERSON IS A PARTY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 30 DAYS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO ISSUE AN OPINION.~~

10-511.

A MEMBER OF A PUBLIC BODY WHO ~~KNOWINGLY AND~~ WILLFULLY PARTICIPATES IN A MEETING OF THE BODY THAT IS WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE MEETING IS BEING HELD IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$100.

10-512.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "OPEN MEETINGS ACT".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, by July 1, 1991, the Governor shall appoint the initial 3 members of the Board with 1 member serving a 1-year term, 1 member serving a 2-year term, and 1 member serving a 3-year term.