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DIGEST

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2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Peacock

Present law provides that during a gubernatorially declared state of emergency or disaster involving a geographic area within the jurisdiction of a public body that renders meeting in person to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, a public body may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means if the presiding officer certifies on the notice of the agenda of the meeting that it is limited to either matters directly related to the public body's response to the disaster or emergency and critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, matters that will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship if delayed, or matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body.

Proposed law provides that during a gubernatorially declared state of emergency or disaster involving a geographic area within the jurisdiction of a public body that renders meeting in person to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, a public body may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means without limitations on subject matter.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:17.1(A))