

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 71

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Provides for participation in certain meetings by teleconferencing or other electronic means for legislative bodies. (gov sig) (Item #25)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17.1(A), relative to meetings of public bodies during a
3 gubernatorially declared state of disaster or emergency; to provide requirements for
4 meeting via electronic means; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:17.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §17.1. Exception for meetings during a gubernatorially declared disaster or
9 emergency

10 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, a
11 public body may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting
12 via electronic means provided ~~all of the following~~:

13 (1) The governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving a
14 geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body and the nature of the
15 emergency or disaster would cause a meeting of the public body conducted pursuant
16 to the other provisions of this Chapter to be detrimental to the health, safety, or
17 welfare of the public.

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

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