SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 224 by Senator Hewitt

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

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2 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 14 and insert:

"<u>A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary,</u> members of the legislature or legislative committee may remotely attend, participate, vote, and transact business via electronic means provided:

(1) The governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster and the nature of the emergency or disaster would cause a meeting of the legislature or legislative committee conducted pursuant to the other provisions of this Chapter to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

10(2) The presiding officer of the house of which he is a member certifies11on the notice of the meeting that the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or12more of the following:

13(a) Matters that are directly related to the legislature's response to the14disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the15public.

(b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.

18(c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the19legislature and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in20accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement21or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the legislature."

- 22 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- 23 On page 2, line 13, after "legislature" and before "shall" insert "or legislative committee"
- 24 AMENDMENT NO. 3
- 25 On page 2, line 15, after "legislature" and before "shall" insert "or legislative committee"
- 26 AMENDMENT NO. 4
- 27 On page 2, between lines 22 and 23 insert:

28	"(5) Before being allowed to testify, each person appearing before a legislative
29	committee shall swear or affirm that his testimony is true and correct. He shall
30	then be considered to be under oath while providing testimony before the
31	committee and subject to punishment for contempt.