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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Permits the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council to conduct meetings electronically and allows members to attend and participate in meeting remotely.

Present law provides for an advisory council comprised of healthcare professional boards, law enforcement, and lawmakers to oversee the implementation of the electronic prescription tracking program known as the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Proposed law provides that the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council (advisory council) may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting remotely if the La. Board of Pharmacy and the advisory council and its presiding officer comply with all requirements of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no later than 24 hours prior to a meeting, public notice must be given and participation requirements met in order to conduct a meeting remotely using electronic means. Proposed law further specifies information regarding public participation and commentary through electronic means.

Proposed law provides that the presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants and the public.

Proposed law defines "meeting via electronic means", "teleconference", and "video conference".

(Amends R.S. 40:1005(B); Adds R.S. 40:1005(D) and R.S. 42:17.4)