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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to  
Original Senate Bill No. 466 by Senator Hewitt

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact R.S." and before "42:14(E)," insert " 24:7.1 and R.S."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "teleconference;" insert "to provide for participation in certain  
5 meetings by teleconferencing or other electronic means for legislative bodies;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, between lines 6 and 7 insert:

8 "Section 1. R.S. 24:7.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§7.1. Participation in certain meetings by teleconferencing or other**  
10 **electronic means for legislative bodies**

11 **A. During a gubernatorially declared state of emergency**  
12 **pursuant to R.S. 29:724 et seq., or a gubernatorially declared state of**  
13 **public health emergency pursuant to R.S. 29:766 et seq., and as**  
14 **necessary to provide for the continuity of government and legislative**  
15 **operations during such an emergency, a member shall be counted for**  
16 **quorum purposes for the Senate or the House of Representatives to**  
17 **transact business and for quorum purposes for a committee to transact**  
18 **business pursuant if the member participates remotely by telephone,**  
19 **teleconference, or other electronic means.**

20 **B. During a gubernatorially declared state of emergency pursuant**  
21 **to R.S. 29:724 et seq., or a gubernatorially declared state of public health**  
22 **emergency pursuant to R.S. 29:766 et seq., and as necessary to provide**  
23 **for the continuity of government and legislative operations during such**  
24 **an emergency, a member shall be permitted to vote if the member**  
25 **participates remotely by telephone, teleconference, or other electronic**  
26 **means. The member shall certify each vote in writing and file the**  
27 **certification with the secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the House of**  
28 **Representatives.**

29 **C. The authority provided in this Section during a**  
30 **gubernatorially declared emergency or public health emergency shall be**  
31 **invoked only at the discretion of the presiding officer and shall**  
32 **automatically expire upon the termination of the declared state of**  
33 **emergency.**

34 AMENDMENT NO. 4

35 On page 1, line 7, after "Section" change "1." to "2." and on page 4, line 6 , after "Section"  
36 change "2." to "3."