

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

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

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 24:7.1 and R.S. 42:14(E)," and insert "R.S. 24:7.1, R.S.
3 42:14(E) and 29,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 2, line 19, delete "R.S. 42:14(E) is" and insert "R.S. 42:14(E) and 29 are"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 5, between line 4 and line 5, insert the following:

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9 §29. Teleconference meeting of statewide public bodies

10 A. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, any public body
11 may hold periodic meetings as part of a regular schedule by teleconference as
12 defined in this Chapter if:

13 (1) A physical anchor location for the meeting is established from which
14 the meeting shall originate and at which the presiding officer of the meeting
15 shall be present and conduct the meeting. Any member of the public body or
16 any member of the public may participate in person at the anchor location.

17 (2) Such meetings shall comply with the requirements of R.S. 42:14,
18 42:16, 42:17, 42:19, 42:20, 42:21 and 42:23.

19 (3) The public body duly adopts and publishes procedures for notice of
20 and the conduct of such meeting in advance thereof including but not limited
21 to the means for participation and providing testimony or public comment prior
22 to and during the meeting, including a toll-free call in line for participants and
23 the public which shall be posted on the website of the respective public body.

24 (4) All public comments received in writing or by email shall be read
25 into the record during the teleconference.

26 (5) All votes taken in a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call vote.

27 (6) The entire meeting with the exception of a duly called executive
28 session shall be audible to the public and broadcast over the internet.

29 (7) The meeting held by teleconference shall be recorded and made
30 available to the public in an online archive located at the website of the public
31 body holding the meeting.

32 (8) If a problem occurs that causes the meeting to no longer be visible
33 or audible to the public, the meeting must be recessed until the problem is
34 resolved. If the problem is not resolved in two hours or less, the meeting must
35 be adjourned.

36 B. The number of teleconference meetings allowed to be conducted
37 pursuant to this Section shall be as follows:

38 (1) One teleconference meeting per quarter during a calendar year, if
39 the public body meets monthly. Under no circumstances shall a public body
40 complete successive meetings by teleconference.

41 (2) One teleconference meeting during a calendar year, if the public
42 body meets quarterly.

43 (3) No teleconference meetings shall take place, if the public body meets
44 less than quarterly.

1 **C. A meeting held by teleconference shall not require a quorum to be**
2 **present at the physical anchor location of the meeting. All members of the**
3 **public body participating at the anchor location or by teleconference shall be**
4 **counted for purpose of establishing a quorum.**

5 **D. The provisions of this Section shall not limit the conduct of meeting**
6 **by teleconference during a gubernatorially proclaimed disaster or emergency."**