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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Dwight to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 466 by Senator Hewitt

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete the set of House Committee Amendments by the House Committee on House and  
3 Governmental Affairs (#2670)

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 6 and  
6 insert the following:

7 "enact R.S. 24:7.1 and R.S. 42:17.1 and 29, relative to open meetings; to  
8 authorize public bodies, including the legislature and committees of the  
9 legislature, to conduct certain meetings electronically during certain states  
10 of emergency or disaster; to provide for requirements related thereto; to  
11 provide for meetings of the State Bond Commission; and to provide for  
12 related matters."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 3

14 On page 2, delete lines 18 through 29 and delete pages 3 and 4 and on page 5, delete lines  
15 1 through 4 and insert the following:

16 "Section 2. R.S. 42:17.1 and 29 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 **§17.1. Exception for meetings during a gubernatorially declared disaster or**  
18 **emergency**

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

22 **(1) The governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving**  
23 **a geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body and the nature of**  
24 **the emergency or disaster would cause a meeting of the public body conducted**  
25 **pursuant to the other provisions of this Chapter to be detrimental to the health,**  
26 **safety, or welfare of the public.**

27 **(2) The presiding officer of the public body certifies on the notice of the**  
28 **meeting that the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the**  
29 **following:**

30 **(a) Matters that are directly related to the public body's response to the**  
31 **disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the**  
32 **public.**

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

35 **(c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public**  
36 **body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with**  
37 **the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline**  
38 **that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.**



1           (4) All public comments received in writing or by email shall be read  
 2 into the record during the meeting.

3           (5) All votes taken in the meeting shall be by roll call vote.

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

6           (7) The meeting shall be recorded and made available to the public in  
 7 an online archive located on the website of the State Bond Commission.

8           (8) If a problem occurs that causes the meeting to no longer be visible  
 9 or audible to the public, the meeting shall be recessed until the problem is  
 10 resolved. If the problem is not resolved in two hours or less, the meeting shall  
 11 be adjourned.

12           B.(1) The number of meetings held via electronic means authorized by  
 13 this Section shall be one teleconference meeting per quarter during a calendar  
 14 year.

15           (2) Under no circumstances shall the State Bond Commission conduct  
 16 successive meetings by teleconference.

17           C. A meeting held pursuant to this Section shall not require a quorum  
 18 to be present at the anchor location of the meeting. All members of the State  
 19 Bond Commission participating at the anchor location or electronically shall be  
 20 counted for purpose of establishing a quorum.

21           D. The provisions of this Section shall not limit the conduct of meetings  
 22 via electronic means during a gubernatorially proclaimed or declared disaster  
 23 or emergency in the manner provided by R.S. 42:17.1.

24           E. The State Bond Commission may adopt rules, regulations, and  
 25 procedures to allow the public to participate in a meeting via electronic means.

26           F. For purposes of this Section, "anchor location" means the physical  
 27 location from which the meeting via electronic means originates or the  
 28 participants are connected.

29           G. The provisions of this Section shall cease to be effective on August 1,  
 30 2022."