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
2 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 14 and insert:
3 "A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, members of the legislature or legislative committee may remotely attend, participate, vote, and transact business via electronic means provided:
4 (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. (2) The presiding officer of the house of which he is a member certifies on the notice of the meeting that the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the following:
5 (a) Matters that are directly related to the legislature's response to the disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. (b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the legislature and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or 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 committee shall swear or affirm that his testimony is true and correct. He shall then be considered to be under oath while providing testimony before the committee and subject to punishment for contempt."