

By Senator Oelrich

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation;  
3           amending s. 163.01, F.S.; authorizing certain parties  
4           to an interlocal agreement to conduct public meetings  
5           and workshops by means of communications media  
6           technology; providing notice requirements; providing a  
7           definition; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 163.01,  
12   Florida Statutes, to read:

13           163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.—

14           (18) Any separate legal entity created under subsection (7)  
15   that has member public agencies located in at least 10 counties  
16   may conduct public meetings and workshops by means of  
17   communications media technology. The notice for any such public  
18   meeting or workshop shall state that the meeting or workshop  
19   will be conducted through the use of communications media  
20   technology; specify how persons interested in attending may do  
21   so; and provide a location where communications media technology  
22   facilities are available. The participation by an officer, board  
23   member, or other representative of a member public agency in a  
24   meeting or workshop conducted through communications media  
25   technology constitutes that individual's presence at such  
26   meeting or workshop. As used in this subsection, the term  
27   "communications media technology" means conference telephone,  
28   video conference, or other communications technology by which  
29   all persons attending a public meeting or workshop may audibly

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30 communicate.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.