

By the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senators Oelrich and Gaetz

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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 which has member public agencies located in at least five
16 counties, of which at least three are not contiguous, may
17 conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications
18 media technology. The notice for any such public meeting or
19 workshop shall state that the meeting or workshop will be
20 conducted through the use of communications media technology;
21 specify how persons interested in attending may do so; and
22 provide a location where communications media technology
23 facilities are available. The participation by an officer, board
24 member, or other representative of a member public agency in a
25 meeting or workshop conducted through communications media
26 technology constitutes that individual's presence at such
27 meeting or workshop. As used in this subsection, the term
28 "communications media technology" means conference telephone,
29 video conference, or other communications technology by which

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30 all persons attending a public meeting or workshop may audibly
31 communicate.

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