

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  
 15 (7) that has member public agencies located in at least 10  
 16 counties 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

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

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