

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to regional agency and regional  
3           planning council meetings; amending s. 120.525, F.S.;  
4           providing requirements for establishing a quorum for  
5           meetings of certain agencies and councils when a  
6           voting member appears via telephone, real-time  
7           videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or  
8           video communication; requiring notice of intent to  
9           appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or  
10          similar real-time electronic or video communication by  
11          a specified time; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 120.525,  
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

18           (4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of  
19 regional agencies and regional planning councils that cover  
20 three or more counties, a voting member who appears via  
21 telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time  
22 electronic or video communication that is broadcast publicly at  
23 the meeting location may be counted towards the quorum  
24 requirement if at least one-third of the voting members of such  
25 regional agency or regional planning council are physically  
26 present at the meeting location. A member must provide oral,  
27 written, or electronic notice of his or her intent to appear via  
28 telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time  
29 electronic or video communication to the regional agency or

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30 regional planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled  
31 meeting.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.