

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

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

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