

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 of 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 toward 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, 2019.