

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

16 120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

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

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.