

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

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