

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.