

By Senator Flores

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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 the member to give  
8           notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time  
9           videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or  
10          video communication by a specified time; providing an  
11          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 planning councils that cover three or more counties, a  
20 voting member who appears via telephone, real-time  
21 videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video  
22 communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location  
23 may be counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one-  
24 third of the voting members of the regional planning council are  
25 physically present at the meeting location. A member must  
26 provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent  
27 to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar  
28 real-time electronic or video communication to the regional  
29 planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.