

By the Committee on Rules; and Senator Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to community planning; amending s.
3 120.525, F.S.; providing requirements for establishing
4 a quorum for meetings of certain councils when a
5 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; amending s.
11 163.3168, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic
12 Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties
13 and municipalities when selecting applications for
14 funding for technical assistance; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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

21 120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

22 (4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of
23 regional planning councils that cover three or more counties, a
24 voting member who appears via telephone, real-time
25 videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video
26 communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location
27 may be counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one-
28 third of the voting members of the regional planning council are
29 physically present at the meeting location. A member must

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30 provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent
31 to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar
32 real-time electronic or video communication to the regional
33 planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

34 Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 163.3168,
35 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new
36 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

37 163.3168 Planning innovations and technical assistance.—

38 (4) When selecting applications for funding for technical
39 assistance, the state land planning agency shall give a
40 preference to a county that has a population of 200,000 or less,
41 and to a municipality located within such a county, for
42 assistance in determining whether the area in and around a
43 proposed multiuse corridor interchange as described in s.
44 338.2278 contains appropriate land uses and natural resource
45 protections and for aid in developing or amending a local
46 government's comprehensive plan to provide for such uses,
47 protections, and intended benefits as provided in s. 338.2278.

48 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.