

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to administrative entity  
3       telecommunication meetings; amending s. 163.01, F.S.;  
4       authorizing certain legal or administrative entities  
5       to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of  
6       communications media technology; revising criteria  
7       under which legal entities may conduct public meetings  
8       and workshops; providing an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 163.01, Florida  
13       Statutes, is amended to read:

14       163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.—

15       (18) Any separate legal or administrative entity created  
16       under subsection (7) which has member public agencies located in  
17       at least five counties, of which at least three are not  
18       contiguous, or which has member public agencies located in four  
19       contiguous counties, may conduct public meetings and workshops  
20       by means of communications media technology. The notice for any  
21       such public meeting or workshop shall state that the meeting or  
22       workshop will be conducted through the use of communications  
23       media technology; specify how persons interested in attending  
24       may do so; and provide a location where communications media  
25       technology facilities are available. The participation by an  
26       officer, board member, or other representative of a member  
27       public agency in a meeting or workshop conducted through  
28       communications media technology constitutes that individual's  
29       presence at such meeting or workshop. As used in this

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30 subsection, the term "communications media technology" means  
31 conference telephone, video conference, or other communications  
32 technology by which all persons attending a public meeting or  
33 workshop may audibly communicate.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.