

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and 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 applicability; revising
9 requirements for notices of such meetings and
10 workshops conducted through the use of communications
11 media technology; 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 (18) of section 163.01, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.—

18 (18) Any separate legal or administrative entity created
19 under subsection (7) which has member public agencies located in
20 at least five counties, of which at least three are not
21 contiguous, or which has member public agencies located in four
22 contiguous counties, may conduct public meetings and workshops
23 by means of communications media technology. Section 286.0114
24 applies to public meetings and workshops conducted by means of
25 communications media technology. The notice for any such public
26 meeting or workshop shall state that the meeting or workshop
27 will be conducted through the use of communications media
28 technology; specify how persons interested in attending and
29 providing comment to the legal or administrative entity during

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30 the meeting may do so; and provide a location where
31 communications media technology facilities are available. The
32 participation by an officer, board member, or other
33 representative of a member public agency in a meeting or
34 workshop conducted through communications media technology
35 constitutes that individual's presence at such meeting or
36 workshop. As used in this subsection, the term "communications
37 media technology" means conference telephone, video conference,
38 or other communications technology by which all persons
39 attending a public meeting or workshop may audibly communicate.

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