

By Senator Rodriguez

39-00926-22

2022690__

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to resilience-related advisory
3 committees; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; authorizing
4 specified resilience-related advisory committees to
5 conduct public meetings and workshops by means of
6 communications media technology; providing that use of
7 such technology by a committee member constitutes that
8 member's presence at such meeting or workshop;
9 requiring that such technology allow the public to
10 audibly communicate; providing notice requirements for
11 public meetings or workshops conducted by means of
12 communications media technology; providing
13 construction; providing an effective date.

14
15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16
17 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 286.011,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 286.011 Public meetings and records; public inspection;
20 criminal and civil penalties.—

21 (9) (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
22 resilience-related advisory committees whose membership is
23 composed solely of representatives of four or more counties,
24 when there is at least 200 miles of geographic distance between
25 the county seats of the two most distant counties, may conduct
26 public meetings and workshops by means of communications media
27 technology as defined in s. 120.54(5)(b)2. An advisory committee
28 member who participates in a meeting or workshop by means of
29 communications media technology is deemed to be present at such

39-00926-22

2022690__

30 meeting or workshop. For the purpose of this paragraph, the
31 communications media technology must allow for all persons
32 attending such public meeting or workshop to audibly
33 communicate, as would be allowed if they were physically
34 present.

35 (b) The notice for such a meeting or workshop must state
36 whether it will be conducted using communications media
37 technology, how an interested person may participate, and the
38 locations of any facilities where communications media
39 technology will be available.

40 (c) Any other laws applicable to public meetings or
41 workshops conducted by means of communications media technology
42 must be liberally construed in their application to meetings and
43 workshops conducted as provided in this subsection.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.