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

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

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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 law to the contrary, a regional
22 citizen volunteer advisory committee, created to provide
23 technical expertise and support to the National Estuary Program
24 established by Congress under s. 320 of the Clean Water Act,
25 whose membership is composed of representatives from four or
26 more counties may conduct public meetings and workshops by means
27 of communications media technology as defined in s.
28 120.54(5)(b)2. An advisory committee member who participates in
29 a public meeting or workshop by communications media technology

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30 is deemed to be present at the meeting or workshop. The use of
31 communications media technology must allow for all persons
32 attending the meeting or workshop to audibly communicate as if
33 the person is physically present.

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

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