

By Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to governing body meetings; amending
3 s. 166.0213, F.S.; authorizing governing bodies of
4 municipalities to convene meetings and conduct
5 official business via teleconferencing or other
6 technological means if certain conditions are met;
7 providing limitations on such meetings; providing that
8 the limitations placed on such meetings may be
9 suspended upon a declared state of emergency;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 166.0213,
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 166.0213 Governing body meetings.—

17 (3) (a) The governing body of a municipality may convene
18 meetings and conduct official business via teleconferencing or
19 other technological means as long as such meetings meet all of
20 the requirements for public notice, public access, and public
21 participation. A governing body may not convene meetings via
22 teleconferencing or other technological means more than two
23 times per calendar year. Meetings that include formal action on
24 ordinances or are quasi-judicial hearings may not be conducted
25 via teleconferencing or other technological means.

26 (b) The limitations placed on meetings conducted via
27 teleconferencing or other technological means under paragraph
28 (a) may be suspended upon the declaration of a state of
29 emergency issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 252.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.