

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senators Bradley and Yarborough

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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 certain limitations placed on such meetings may be
9 suspended by the Governor, for a specified timeframe,
10 upon a declared state of emergency impacting the
11 municipality in which the meeting would occur;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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

18 166.0213 Governing body meetings.—

19 (3) (a) The governing body of a municipality may convene
20 meetings and conduct official business via teleconferencing or
21 other technological means as long as such meetings:

22 1. Meet all of the requirements for public notice, public
23 access, and public participation.

24 2. Do not convene meetings via teleconferencing or other
25 technological means more than two times per calendar year.

26 3. Do not include formal action on ordinances.

27 4. Are not a quasi-judicial hearing.

28 (b) The limitations placed on meetings conducted via
29 teleconferencing or other technological means under sub-

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30 paragraphs (a)2., (a)3., and (a)4. may be suspended by the
31 Governor during the first 60 days of a state of emergency
32 declared by the Governor pursuant to chapter 252 which affects
33 the municipality in which the meeting would occur.

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