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3 HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AMENDMENT #1 TO SB147
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8 On page 1, after line 22, insert the following:

9 This bill would provide for electronic attendance at
10 meetings of local governmental bodies by members and the
11 public, under certain conditions.
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13 On page 2, line 10, after "means;" insert the
14 following:

15 to add Section 36-25A-5.2 to the Code of Alabama
16 1975, to provide for electronic attendance at meetings of
17 local governmental bodies by members and the public;
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19 On page 5, after line 20, insert a new Section 2 as
20 follows and renumber the subsequent section accordingly:

21 Section 2. Section 36-25A-5.2 is added to the Code
22 of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

23 §36-25A-5.2.

24 (a) Any governmental body as defined in Section
25 36-25A-2 that is a county, a municipality, or an entity
26 established by or whose members are appointed by a county or
27 municipality may allow participation in a meeting of that body

1 by means of telephone conference, video conference, or other
2 similar communications equipment that allows all participants
3 to hear one another at the same time; provided, that both of
4 the following conditions are fulfilled:

5 (1) No less than a quorum of the members of the
6 governmental body are physically present at the physical
7 location required by subsection (d).

8 (2) The members of the body participating by
9 electronic means are unable to be physically present at the
10 meeting due to illness.

11 (b) Participation by electronic means as authorized
12 in this section shall constitute presence in person at the
13 meeting for all purposes, except for the establishment of a
14 quorum.

15 (c) At least 45 days before the first meeting that a
16 governmental body uses electronic means of communication as
17 authorized by this section, the body shall adopt an electronic
18 meeting policy detailing the procedures and communications
19 equipment that will be used, how the public may access the
20 meeting, and how voting will be conducted.

21 (d) Each meeting in which members of a governmental
22 body are participating by electronic means as authorized in
23 this section shall be held at a physical location available
24 for persons wishing to be physically present, at which any
25 interested member of the public shall be able to hear all
26 persons who are participating remotely.

1 (e) Any vote taken at a meeting utilizing the
2 equipment authorized by subsection (a) shall be taken as a
3 roll call vote that allows each participant to vote
4 individually in a manner audible to all persons participating
5 or present at the physical location provided for in subsection
6 (d).

7 (f) A member participating in a meeting by
8 electronic means as provided by this section may not claim any
9 form of reimbursement for expenses relating to that meeting,
10 including mileage.