

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to administrative entity  
 3           telecommunication meetings; amending s. 163.01, F.S.;  
 4           authorizing certain legal or administrative entities  
 5           to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of  
 6           communications media technology; revising criteria  
 7           under which legal entities may conduct public meetings  
 8           and workshops; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 163.01, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.—

15           (18) Any separate legal or administrative entity created  
 16 under subsection (7) which has member public agencies located in  
 17 at least five counties, of which at least three are not  
 18 contiguous, or which has member public agencies located in four  
 19 contiguous counties, may conduct public meetings and workshops  
 20 by means of communications media technology. The notice for any  
 21 such public meeting or workshop shall state that the meeting or  
 22 workshop will be conducted through the use of communications  
 23 media technology; specify how persons interested in attending  
 24 may do so; and provide a location where communications media  
 25 technology facilities are available. The participation by an

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26 | officer, board member, or other representative of a member  
27 | public agency in a meeting or workshop conducted through  
28 | communications media technology constitutes that individual's  
29 | presence at such meeting or workshop. As used in this  
30 | subsection, the term "communications media technology" means  
31 | conference telephone, video conference, or other communications  
32 | technology by which all persons attending a public meeting or  
33 | workshop may audibly communicate.

34 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.