

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

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H.P. 1323 - L.D. 1772

An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 290, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 290, §1, is amended to read:

E. Notice of the proceeding must be provided in accordance with section 406. When the public may attend by remote methods pursuant to paragraphs C and D, the notice must include the means by which members of the public may access the proceeding using remote methods. The notice must also identify a location for members of the public to attend in person. The body may ~~not determine that~~ limit public attendance at a proceeding ~~will be limited solely to remote methods except under the conditions in paragraph B, subparagraph (1) if there is an emergency or urgent situation that requires the body to meet only by remote methods;~~

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 290, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The policy adopted pursuant to this subsection applies to a board or committee that is within the jurisdiction of the public body, unless the board or committee adopts its own policy under this subsection.