

SENATE BILL 2138

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65,
relative to electric cooperatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-25-111, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(f) Notwithstanding a bylaw provision to the contrary, and subject to guidelines and procedures as the cooperative may adopt, a cooperative may permit a director, and any or all cooperative members, to participate in a regular or special meeting by, and the cooperative may conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of virtual or remote communication if the cooperative:

(1) Implements reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to attend or vote at the meeting by means of virtual or remote communication is a director or cooperative member;

(2) Implements reasonable measures to provide directors or cooperative members a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the board or cooperative members, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with the proceedings; and

(3) Maintains a record of any vote or other action taken by a director or cooperative member that is taken by means of virtual or remote communication.

(g) A director or cooperative member who participates in a meeting by the means described in subsection (f), whether the meeting is to be held at a designated

place or solely by means of virtual or remote communication, is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.