

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **281**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations
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Read for the Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to Open Meeting Law; modifying requirements for attendance by interactive
- 1.3 television; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13D.02, subdivisions 1, 2,
- 1.4 by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13D.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** (a) A meeting governed by section 13D.01, subdivisions 1,
- 1.8 2, 4, and 5, and this section may be conducted by interactive television so long as:
- 1.9 (1) all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,
- 1.10 can hear and see one another and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented
- 1.11 at any location at which at least one member is present;
- 1.12 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear
- 1.13 and see all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the body;
- 1.14 (3) at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location;
- 1.15 and
- 1.16 (4) each location at which a member of the body is present is open and accessible to the
- 1.17 public.
- 1.18 (b) Up to three times per calendar year, a member of a public body may be exempted
- 1.19 from paragraph (a), clause (4), and may participate from a location other than the regular
- 1.20 meeting location if (1) the member is serving in the military and is at a required drill,
- 1.21 deployed, or on active duty, or (2) the member has been advised by a health care professional
- 1.22 against being in a public place for medical reasons.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13D.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 2. **Members are present for quorum, participation.** Each member of a body
2.3 participating in a meeting by ~~electronic means~~ interactive television is considered present
2.4 at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings.

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13D.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.6 read:

2.7 Subd. 6. **Record.** The minutes for a meeting conducted under this section must reflect
2.8 the names of any members appearing by interactive television and state the reason or reasons
2.9 for the appearance by interactive television.