

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 Second Time
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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.