

Second Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 16-0245.01 Kate Meyer x4348

HOUSE BILL 16-1139

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Willett and Arndt,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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House Committees  
Local Government

Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
102 DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries>.)*

The bill gives the executive committee of the legislative council the power and duty to consider, recommend, and establish policies regarding electronic participation by senators or representatives in committee meetings during the legislative interim.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-303, **add** (2) (h)  
3 as follows:

4 **2-3-303. Functions - report - definitions.** (2) In addition to any  
5 other powers and duties set forth in law, the executive committee of the  
6 legislative council has the following powers and duties:

7 (h) (I) (A) TO CONSIDER, RECOMMEND, AND ESTABLISH POLICIES  
8 ALLOWING SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE  
9 ELECTRONICALLY IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS OCCURRING DURING THE  
10 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.

11 (B) AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (h), "COMMITTEE" MEANS ANY  
12 COMMITTEE THAT IS STAFFED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
13 SERVICE AGENCIES.

14 (II) ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATING MEMBERS MUST BE COUNTED  
15 TOWARD ESTABLISHING A QUORUM. HOWEVER, ONLY THOSE MEMBERS  
16 ATTENDING IN PERSON ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY MATTER BEFORE  
17 THE COMMITTEE.

18 (III) A SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATING  
19 ELECTRONICALLY IN A COMMITTEE MEETING PURSUANT TO THIS  
20 PARAGRAPH (h) IS DEEMED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE OF THAT COMMITTEE  
21 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMPENSATION TO WHICH THE MEMBER  
22 IS ENTITLED UNDER SECTION 2-2-307 (3). NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION  
23 2-2-307 (3) (b), MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY ARE NOT  
24 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
25 CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION.

26 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.