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STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

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HOUSE BILL 16-1139

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Willett and Arndt,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Scott,

House Committees

Local Government

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
Legislative Council

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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/billsummaries>.)

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.

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) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE MUST BE
15 ATTENDING A MEETING IN PERSON IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE
16 ON ANY MATTER AT THAT MEETING, AND ONLY THOSE MEMBERS
17 ATTENDING IN PERSON ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY MATTER BEFORE
18 THE COMMITTEE.

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

27 (IV) NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH (h) REQUIRES THE EXECUTIVE

1 COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO
2 PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS OCCURRING
3 DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.

4 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.