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Overview

This act allows the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means if certain conditions are met.

- 1 Meetings by telephone or other electronic means.** Amends § 198.003, by adding subd. 6. (a) Allows the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means as long as:
 - (1) all participating board members can hear one another and all discussion and testimony;
 - (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location can hear all discussion, testimony, and votes;
 - (3) at least one member of the board, the executive director, or an attorney for the agency is at the regular meeting location; and
 - (4) all votes are conducted by roll call.
- (b) Specifies that each board member participating in a meeting by electronic means is considered present for purposes of a quorum and participating in proceedings.
- (c) Requires the board, to the extent practical, to allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Allows the board to require the person to pay for documented marginal costs related to the additional connection.

(d) Requires the agency to provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some members may participate electronically, and of paragraph (c). States that the timing and method of providing notice is governed by provisions of the open meeting law.

Effective Date. Provides that this section is effective the day following final enactment.