

Subject Open Meeting Law; use of interactive technology for advisory public bodies

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Overview

This bill provides requirements for meetings of advisory public bodies conducted by interactive technology. Technical and conforming changes are made throughout the bill.

All sections are effective the day following final enactment.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Applicability. Grammatical amendments to provide for more than one definition in the definitions section of chapter 13D.
2	Advisory public body. Defines the term “advisory public body” for the purposes of chapter 13D.
3	Conditions. Conforming changes made due to new subdivision 1b in section 4.
4	Advisory public body; conditions. Provides the criteria that must be met for a meeting of an advisory public body to use interactive technology. The requirements differ from similar meetings of other public bodies as follows: (1) members of the public must be able to provide testimony remotely when such opportunities are made available as part of the meeting agenda; (2) advisory public body members may participate from any location that is publicly noticed; and (3) advisory public body members are limited to remotely participating in meetings in no more than half of the meetings during the previous 12 months or the period during which the member has served on the advisory public body,

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whichever is shorter. There is no requirement for an advisory public body member to participate remotely from a location that is open and accessible to the public.

The bill allows an advisory public body member to participate from a location that was not publicly noticed no more than three times in a calendar year if the member is serving in the military or has been advised by a health care professional against being in a public place for personal or family medical reasons.

5 Notice of regular and all member locations.

Conforming change due to the new subdivision 1b in section 4.



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